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# THE GENUS MELIOLA IN PORTO RICO

Including Descriptions of Sixty-two New Species  
and Varieties and a Synopsis of all  
Known Porto Rican Forms.

WITH FIVE PLATES

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## THE GENUS MELIOLA IN PORTO RICO

The genus *Meliola* while not the largest or the most important genus of parasitic fungi in Porto Rico possesses features of special interest. As at present understood from the monograph of Gaillard, it constitutes a well defined, clearly marked genus with a fairly large number of species. In the *Sylloge Fungorum* of Saccardo 234 species and varieties are included; 63 additional species have since been described, making 297 species and varieties recognized prior to the present paper. The fungi are especially beautiful in contour, superficial with small penetrating haustoria. Usually their effect upon the host is slight though in some instances well marked pathological effects are discernible. They are among the most common genera of leaf inhabiting fungi in Porto Rico, and may be found in all parts of the island in great abundance, usually, though not always, causing conspicuous black blotches upon one or both surfaces of the leaf, more rarely upon stems.

The present study is based almost entirely upon collections made by the writer during the years 1912, 1913, and 1915. Cognizance is taken also of the collections of Heller reported by Earle. Nearly every species noted by earlier writers is included in my own collections and is usually reported upon several hosts and from numerous localities.

A narrative of the two collecting trips which furnished those specimens is given in the *Journal of the New York Botanical Garden*, June 1916.

A reference to the time involved has been made by Arthur.<sup>1</sup>

The specimens, types, ectypes, etc. of this collection have been deposited as indicated by Miss E. Young.<sup>2</sup> Other articles based on these collections have been published by P. Garman,<sup>3</sup> E. Young,<sup>4</sup> J. C. Arthur.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup>*Mycologia* 7:168, 1915, and 8:20, 1916.

<sup>2</sup>*Mycologia* 7:143, 1915.

<sup>3</sup>*Mycologia* 7:333, 1915.

<sup>4</sup>*Mycologia* 8:42, 1916.

<sup>5</sup>*Mycologia* 7:168, 227, 315, 1915; 8:16, 1916.

The following summary will serve to give a general idea of the scope of the present report:

Total number of collections of <i>Meliola</i> .....	729
Number of species of <i>Meliola</i> .....	95
"    " varieties of <i>Meliola</i> .....	6
"    " new species of <i>Meliola</i> .....	56
"    " new varieties of <i>Meliola</i> .....	6
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In grouping the genus into sections and in keying the species I have in the main followed the plan adopted by Gaillard, laying principal emphasis upon the setae, perithecial and mycelial, next upon the character of the setal tips, and basing final specific distinction upon more minute characters of mycelium, capitate hyphopodia, spore, etc. It is to be noted that in Porto Rico occur none of the species with clavate, long, 8-spored asci. All are of the short-ascus form with two to four spores per ascus. In certain species there is constancy as regards each character, in other species there is large variation. Young colonies may be devoid of mycelial setae though they may be abundant in old colonies (*M. earlii*). Certain species sometimes though not always present perithecial setae (*M. solani*). Several species show large variation as to setal tips, the tips being sometimes simple and acute, sometimes slightly forked, (*M. mangiferae*, *M. ipomoeae*), even much forked, and all arising from the same mycelium; or the forking may show a great range in character and complexity (*M. furcata*). In other species the setal tips may show great constancy, e.g., *M. cucurbitacearum*. Taken all in all the problem of specific limitation is much the same as is met in the Erysiphaceae, with very similar characters to use.

The problem of classification is rendered especially difficult by the fact that the *Meliolas* are very often overgrown by parasites which confuse the picture and also often prevent the formation of perithecia, and, I believe, strongly influence the character of the mycelium and hyphopodia, i.e., the mycelium and hyphopodia are often made more crooked and more angular, or to appear so, by the parasite that is growing upon them. I believe also that the character of the mycelium is strongly

influenced by the nature of the leaf upon which it grows, that it will be more nearly straight on a straight-veined, smooth leaf than upon a crooked-veined, hairy one.

The question of limits of variation in mycelium, hyphopodia and setae is a difficult one and finally will be solved only by inoculation experiments and observations upon live material.

I have left out of all consideration the so-called conidial stage, *Helminthosporium*, *Podosporium*, etc., because these structures appear useless in taxonomy and, moreover, because I am far from convinced that they really are conidial stages of the Meliolas. The mucronate hyphopodia are curious structures but they are so variable on the same mycelium that they possess little value in classification.

The question of biologic specialization has been but little studied in this genus. My field observation, however, strongly supports the idea that there is large specialization. For example, *Cissus* vines heavily coated with *M. merrillii* are found with their branches interlacing with plants susceptible to Meliola but the *Cissus* Meliola does not invade the other plants. The Meliolas on *Dieffenbachia* and *Philodendron*, members of the same family, to the naked eye appear much alike and under the microscope are kin, yet there is no field evidence that one goes to the other's host. In some cases forms morphologically indistinguishable are found upon large numbers of species or genera in the same family (notably *M. bicornis* on the Leguminosae), whether these forms are interinoculable or not is not known.

It is possible that were type specimens of all the old species at hand for comparison some of the new species might be found to agree with them, but from the descriptions and figures available such does not seem to be the case. It is more probable that some of the collections which I have referred to old species, relying upon printed descriptions and without comparison with types, in reality may be new species. It seems best for present purposes, however, to avoid undue multiplication of species and I believe that my error lies more largely in conservatism than in the creation of new species.

It is extremely difficult to interpret many of the descriptions that have been written, some are too brief and leave out many essentials, others describe setae but do not state whether they are perithecial or mycelial and the supposition is strong that there have been many cases where the colony character has been taken from a colony parasitized by some other fungus, e.g., many of the Meliolas described as having a crustose colony are probably Meliolas parasitized by a Microthyriaceous fungus.

The final word as to the specific relation cannot be said but with the large number of collections at my disposal, on many hosts, and the

opportunity thus afforded of making close comparisons between these forms, I feel that I have at least approximated the truth.

Especially worthy of note is the occurrence in Porto Rico of several tropical species on closely related hosts, originally described from the other side of the world, notably *M. merrillii*, on *Sicyos* from the Philippines, *M. clavulata* on *Ipomoea* and *M. cyperi* on Sedges from Africa.

It should be remembered that *Meliola* is preeminently a tropical genus, almost exclusively so, the occurrence therefore of these species in Porto Rico, Africa and the Philippines with no present tropical land connection between these countries implies, either that the *Meliolas* have in the past been of different climatic range or that they are the residual flora of previously connected tropical lands.

I wish to acknowledge the very great assistance that I have received from Doctor N. L. Britton and Mr. Percy Wilson in the determination of Phanerogamic hosts, from Miss Slosson, the Pteridophytes, and from Mrs. Agnes Chase the Grasses.

#### Meliola, Key to Sections

Spores 3-septate, mycelial setae none	section A, p. 10
Spores 4-septate	
Mycelial setae none	
Peritheciun with no setae or appendages	section B, p. 12
Peritheciun with setae or with appendages	section C, p. 20
Mycelial setae present	
Peritheciun with setae or appendages	section D, p. 32
Peritheciun with no setae or appendages	
Mycelial setae simple, straight	section E, p. 34
Mycelial setae simple, uncinate	section F, p. 52
Mycelial setae usually simple, some- times forked	section G, p. 54
Mycelial setae forked	section H, p. 57

#### SECTION A

Spores 3-septate, mycelial setae none

The members of this section are clearly marked by the 3-septate spores, a character that seems to be invariable, and the three species found in Porto Rico are clearly limited as is shown in the following key.

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION A

Peritheciun with larvaeform appendages	M. puiggarii No. 1
Peritheciun with no larvaeform appendages	
Perithecial setae absent	M. manea No. 2
Perithecial setae present,	M. guignardi No. 3

There is quite a striking similarity between the hyphopodia upon the three species with 3-septate spores. They are of the same general size and contour, large and irregular.

1. *M. PUIGGARII* Speg.

*Fungi Puiggariani.* No. 228.

On *Rubus* sp. Fig. 1.<sup>1</sup>

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8650, July 14, '15, 8270.

Maricao, July 20, '15, 8892.

No other species has been reported upon the Rosaceae. The form agrees well with the descriptions and with a type specimen, No. 2722, received from Dr. Spegazzini, though the perithecial appendages are nearly twice as long as stated. See also under *M. manca*.

2. *MELIOLA MANCA* Ell. and Mart.

*Amer. Nat.* 17: 1284, 1883, and *Jour. Myc.* 1: 148, 1885.

On *Myrica cerifera* L. Fig. 2.

Manati, Nov. 23, '13, 5289, Nov. 25, '13, 5250. A collection by Heller near Cataño, Jan. 17, '03.

In "Le Genre Meliola", Gaillard unites under *M. manca* the three species *M. manca*, *M. sanguinea*, and *M. puiggarii*, giving a new description for *M. manca*. This new description mentions larvaeform, perithecial appendages. The original description of *M. manca* by Ellis and Martin mentions no such appendages, but does specifically state that there are no perithecial appendages. My own material of two collections is ample. I have studied it carefully, also a specimen of the Heller collection and a specimen collected by Martin and distributed by Ellis as N.A.F. No. 1292, all of these upon the same host. These specimens all agree perfectly and agree with the original description. They do not have larvaeform perithecial appendages and therefore do not conform with the description as given by Gaillard.

The specimens of Meliola which I have found on Rubus agree well with the description of *M. puiggarii*. They have abundant larvaeform appendages and cannot be placed under *M. manca*. Moreover, both the general characters of the mycelium and of the capitate hyphopodia separate the forms on Rubus from those of Myrcia, the hyphopodia on Rubus being much larger and more irregular in shape. I am forced therefore, to regard the description given by Gaillard for *M. manca* as

<sup>1</sup>Figures accompanying this article are noted in connection with the host from which they were made.

erroneous and that of Ellis and Martin as correct and to recognize *M. puiggarii* on *Rubus*, as an entirely different species.

In the head cell of each capitellate hyphopodium there is a small, clear spot, about  $3\mu$  in diameter, which appears to be a hole in the lower side of the hyphopodium, and if so probably indicates the breaking off of a haustorium. Similar marks are found upon the capitellate hyphopodia in many species but they are not usually so conspicuous as in this species.

### 3. *M. GUIGNARDI* Gaill.

Bull. Soc. Myc. de France 8: 176, 1892.

On *Turpinia panniculata* Vent. Fig. 3.

Maricao, July 19, '15, 8922, Sept. 20, '13, 3685.

This differs somewhat from the type as described by Gaillard in its smaller perithecia, about  $300\mu$ , shorter perithecial setae, about  $100-150\mu$ , and smaller ascospores,  $54 \times 15\mu$ .

It is of special interest since it is the only species known which has a 3-septate spore, without mycelial setae, and with perithecial setae. The hyphopodia are very characteristic and agree well with the figures of Gaillard. The type of the species was from Ecuador on host unknown.

## SECTION B

Spores 4-septate, no setae or appendages

This section corresponds to the Section I C. a. of Gaillard without the forms with perithecial appendages. As represented in Porto Rico it presents many puzzling aspects, occurring on a large number of hosts of many families and presenting variations which though easy to recognize are difficult to define with accuracy. The spores in all are quite uniform and neither in size, shape nor constriction lend themselves to description. There are no perithecial or mycelial setae. Therefore the perithecium, the mycelium and hyphopodia must furnish the distinctions. Moreover, such variations as do occur in the perithecium are minor and difficult to state definitely. For this reason many students have referred such forms on numerous hosts to *M. glabra*. A study of the Porto Rican material both in the field and under the microscope convinces me that many of these forms which may agree in spores and perithecia and which show variation in general habit in mycelium and hyphopodia are really distinct species. Plants heavily infected with one of these forms of Meliola may be found growing among plants susceptible to another form, but which are entirely devoid of Meliola.

In the treatment of the Porto Rican species I have removed from *M. glabra* all which it seems very evident are not co-specific with the

specimen No. 3849 of Rabenhorst's *Fungi Europaci*. I have described some *Meliolas* as varieties though I am inclined to believe that in several instances they will eventually prove to be really as distinct specifically as many other forms that are recognized as species.

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION B

Mycelium very dense, close woven	
Spore cells about equal in size	
Head cell oval or slightly angular	<i>M. glabra</i> No. 4
Head cell angular to lobed	<i>M. sepulta</i> No. 5
Spore cells unequal	<i>M. irregularis</i> No. 6
Mycelium not close woven	
Capitate hyphopodia mostly opposite	<i>M. solani</i> No. 7
Capitate hyphopodia not opposite	
Mycelium more or less crooked	
Mycelium wavy	
Capitate hyphopodia oval	<i>M. hyptidicola</i> No. 8
Capitate hyphopodia globular	
Perithecia very rough	<i>M. cyclopoda</i> No. 9
Perithecia not very rough	<i>M. aibonitensis</i> No. 10
Mycelium very crooked	
Capitate hyphopodia angular	<i>M. perseae</i> No. 11
Mycelium usually straight or nearly so	
Capitate hyphopodia entire	
Oval, small, $17 \times 7\mu$	<i>M. lagunculariae</i> No. 12
Elliptical, large, $21 \times 10\mu$	<i>M. longipoda</i> No. 13
Pyriform	<i>M. melastomacearum</i> No. 14
Capitate hyphopodia entire or lobed	<i>M. glabroides</i> No. 15
Capitate hyphopodia lobed	<i>M. triloba</i> No. 16

#### 4. *MELIOLA GLABRA* Berk. and Curt.

Cuban Fungi N. 883 (*pro parte*).

Gaillard, Le Genre *Meliola*: 59: 1892.

On *Hypelate trifoliata* Sw.

Mona Island, collected by Britton, Cowles and Hess, Feb. 1914.

Two other specimens were also sent to me by Dr. Britton from the Bronx Herbarium, one from the Bahamas, No. 8246, one from Cuba, No. 2171, collected in 1860-1864.

On *Drypetes* sps.

Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7885.

This specimen shows an unusually rough, irregular mycelium and capitate hyphopodia.

If we accept for *M. glabra* the description given by Gaillard and as belonging to it the specimen distributed by Rabenhorst and Winter as No. 3849, *Fungi Europaei* (See Fig. 4) on *Barbacenia purpurea* we must think of this as a form with a dense, closely matted mycelium with mycelial threads coursing more or less parallel. This is typically the condition of the *Meliola* on Hypelate.

4a. *MELIOLA GLABRA* var. *PSYCHOTRIAE* var. nov.

There is a remarkable variation here in that many of the colonies are very small, of rapidly branching, closely matted mycelium, while others are of looser structure and larger in area.

The small, closely matted colonies approach quite closely to the type while the loose colonies deviate from it widely.

On *Palicourea domingensis* (Jacq.) DC.

Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7649 (type).

On *Psychotria bertiana* P.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8673, 8654, 8278, 8710, 8566, 8646. El Gigante, July 17, '15, 8528.

On *Psychotria pubescens* Sw.

Arecibo - Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7281. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7732, July 2, '15, 7741. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8032.

On *Psychotria grandis* Sw.

Mayaguez, June 25, '15, 7487.

On *Psychotria* sp. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 5032.

Vega Baja, Mech. 1, '13, 516.

On *Palicourea* ?

Mayaguez, May 1, '13, 1070 b. Jan. 30, '13, 316. Vega Baja, Feb. 20, '13, 468. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 30, '13, 6650. El Gigante, Dec. 15, '13, 5944. Ponce, Nov. 8, '13, 4367. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8875.

On *Coccocypselum repens* Sw.

Maricao, July 20, '15, 8961.

5. *MELIOLA SEPULTA* Pat. in herb.

On *Avicennia nitida* Jacq. Fig. 5.

Two specimens were collected by Heller, Nos. 390, Jan. 31, '89, 6416, Jan. 17, 1903; both of these in the Bronx Garden bear the above name, but description has not yet been published. The following description is made from a fragment of specimen No. 390 which becomes the type:

Colonies circular, 1-7 mm. in diam., black, dense, mostly hypophylous, mycelium closely branched, producing a closely woven mat. Capi-

tate hyphopodia  $24 \times 14\mu$ , opposite or alternate, head cell angular or often distinctly lobed, stalk cell  $10\mu$  long. Mycelial and perithecial setae none. Perithecia abundant in older portions of the colony,  $170\mu$  in diam., slightly rough. Ascii evanescent, short, thick, 2-4 spored. Spores,  $52 \times 20\mu$ , strongly constricted, ends obtuse.

#### 6. *MELIOLA IRREGULARIS* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, irregular, 1-3 mm. in diam., black. Mycelium forming a very close network of threads which branch irregularly,  $7\mu$  in diameter. Hyphae often so close as to lie in contact forming a mat.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, crowded, head cell pyriform, somewhat irregular,  $17 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-7\mu$  long, Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, narrow,  $20\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae none.

Perithecia  $200\mu$ , rough with conic protuberances about  $17\mu$  high. Ascii 2-spored, soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 14\mu$ , often irregular in shape, one end pointed, one or more cells larger than the others, or with septa set obliquely, occasionally with an aberrant number of septa.

On *Hygrophila brasiliensis*, (Spreng.) Lind. Fig. 6.

Rio Piedras, Aug. 11, '15, 9283 (type).

This species in character of peritheciium resembles *M. glabra* but in spores and mycelium it is quite different.

#### 7. *MELIOLA SOLANI* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, irregularly circular, 2-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches irregular.

Capitate hypophodia small, mostly opposite, not crowded, 2 per cell, cells about  $17\mu$  long, head cell pyriform or globular,  $10 \times 8\mu$ , the basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia few, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $14 \times 7\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few or wanting, straight or slightly curved,  $125 \times 7\mu$ , tip obtuse, dark.

Perithecia  $150-180\mu$ . Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Solanum jamaicense* Mill. Fig. 7.

Monte de Oro, Dec. 3, '13, 5750 (type).

The chief, distinguishing character is the small, nearly globular capitate hyphopodia which are usually opposite.

8. *MELIOLA HYPTIDICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, chiefly hypophyllous, irregular, diffuse. Mycelium black, forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches irregular.

Capitate hypophodia small, alternate or irregular, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell ovoid,  $14-17 \times 9\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-6\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae none.

Perithecia  $100-140\mu$ , slightly rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $31-34 \times 10-13\mu$ . On *Hyptis lantanifolia* Poit.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8130 (type).

On *Hyptis capitata* Jacq. Fig. 8.

El Gigante, July 16, '15, 8526.

On *Hyptis pectinata* (L.) Poit.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 7, '15, 7981. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8791.

On *Hyptis* sps.

Monte de Oro, Dec. 13, '13, 5760.

9. *MELIOLA CYCLOPODA* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, 1-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells 20 to  $35\mu$  long, head cell nearly globular,  $14 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped,  $10-18 \times 6\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae none.

Perithecia  $135-170\mu$  in diam., rough with conic protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $38 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Pseudelephantopus spicatus* Juss. Fig. 9.

Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7733 (type), 7871.

10. *MELIOLA AIBONITENSIS* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, black, circular to irregular, 1-3 mm. in diam. Mycelium rather closely woven, crooked, waving, branching irregular.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or unilateral, rather close together, often  $17\mu$ , head cell nearly globular,  $10-15\mu$  in diam., stalk cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia scattered, bottle-shaped to conic. Mycelial and perithecial setae none.

Perithecia flattened when young and somewhat so when mature,

surrounded by an areola of radiating mycelium, slightly rough,  $140\mu$  in diam., spores 4-septate,  $41 \times 17\mu$ , obtuse, slightly constricted.

On unknown dicotyledonous host, Aibonito, July 16, '15, 8470.

### 11. MELIOLA PERSEAE sp. nov.

Colonies hypophyllous, irregular, black, 2-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium very crooked, branching irregularly, opposite, alternate or dichotomous, very dark,  $9\mu$  thick.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, head cell oval to pyriform, cuneiform or angular. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate, variable. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae none.

Peritheciun  $100-200\mu$  in diam., black, very rough with large conical projections. Ascii evanescent. Spores 4-septate, strongly constricted, dark brown, ends rounded,  $44 \times 24\mu$ .

On *Persea gratissima* Gaertn. Fig. 10.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8212 (type).

Characterized chiefly by absence of setae and its very irregular mycelium; near to *M. calva* but differing from it in its rough peritheciun.

### 12. MELIOLA LAGUNCULARIAE Earle

*Muhlenbergia* 1: 11, 1901.

On *Laguncularia racemosa* (L.) Gaertn.

Mayaguez, June 27, '15, 7505, April 20, '13, 1364. Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9331. Joyuda, 331, '13, 363.

The type was collected by Heller on the same host Jan. 1900, No. 4361a. Another collection was made by Heller at Cataño, Jan. 7, '03, No. 6417.

### 13. MELIOLA LONGIPODA Gaill.

Bull. Soc. Myc. de Fr. 8: 172, 1892.

On *Cordia* sp.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7472.

On *Cordia nitida* Vahl. Fig. 11.

Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9329.

The hyphopodia in these specimens seem quite variable. In No. 7472, they are long, especially long in the stalk cell. The capitate hyphopodia do not agree precisely with the figures of Gaillard. They are more commonly obtuse or even truncated; nor are they quite as long as is called for in Gaillard's description. Still, in view of the evident variability of these structures in this species, it seems best to regard my collections as *M. longipoda*.

On *Tournefortia hirsutissima* L.

Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7780. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 7, '15, 7965. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 5001.

These specimens agree closely with the descriptions and drawings of Gaillard.

On *Anona montana* Macf.

Mayaguez, June 29, '15, 7561.

#### 14. *MELIOLA MELASTOMACEARUM* Speg.

Fung. Puigg., N. 232.

On *Clidemia hirta* (L.) D. Don. Fig. 12.

Maricao, July 20, '15, 8956. Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7394. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8123. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8089, Aug. '15, 9479.

On *Clidemia strigillosa* (Sw.) P. DC.

Trujillo Alto, Aug. 15, '15, 9423. Lajas, June 17, '15, 7159.

On *Miconia laevigata* (L.) P. DC.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8085. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7797. El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8662.

On *Miconia racemosa* (Aubl.) P. DC.

Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7414, 7399, 7389, June 16, '15, 7636, June 14, '15, 7037. Lajas, June 17, '15, 7145.

The colonies of this fungus are very inconspicuous, so much so that in probably no case was the collection made for the Meliola; that is, in nearly every case the leaves were collected for other fungi upon them, chiefly Microthyriaceae, and it was only when the specimen came under the compound microscope that the presence of the Meliola was recognized. Indeed after it is known that the Meliola is present it is often very difficult to locate the colonies amid the large numbers of other fungi which are usually found upon these hosts. The fungus agrees fully with authentic specimens received from Dr. Spegazzini.

#### 15. *MELIOLA GLABROIDES* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mostly epiphyllous, irregular, circular, 1-8 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite, often at right angles.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $30\mu$  long, head cell ovoid, entire or angular,  $17 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $16-18 \times 6\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae none.

Perithecia  $100-140\mu$ , rough with rounded protuberances. Asci soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Piper aduncum*, L. Fig. 13.

Indiera Fria, Maricao, Oct. 8, '13, 3371 (type). El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 9039, 8633. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 9603, 8133. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8064. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7724. Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7563. Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3582. Maricao, Sept. 20, '13, 3647, Nov. 8, '13, 4802. Arecibo-Lares road, June 21, '15, 7297. Aibonito, July 16, '15, 8471. Lares, Nov. 22, '13, 4930. Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9334. Trujillo Alto, Aug. 16, '15, 9472. Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4393.

A specimen in the Bronx Gardens, Number 4359 a. on *Piper aduncum* was collected at Mayaguez, P. R., Jan. 23, 1900, and determined as *M. glabra*. Of the various species of *Meliola* found on *Piper* it can be readily distinguished by the absence of setae and by the prominent roughening of the peritheciun. The species is very common on its widespread host. No injury to the leaves is apparent.

On *Nectandra patens* (Sw.) Griseb.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7466, June 15, '15, 7081, June 29, '15, 7595. Maricao, Sept. 20, '13, 4852, July 20, 8873, 8874, 8867, July 19, '15, 8750, July 20, '15, 8973.

On *Simarubra tulae* Urb.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7588. Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7061. El Gigante, near Adjuntas, July 16, '15, 8516.

On *Sauvagesia erecta* L.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8641. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8129. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8944, 8777.

A specimen determined by Earle as *M. glabra* is in the Bronx Gardens. The form on this host uniformly shows shorter, more nearly globular capitulate hyphopodia than are found in the type.

On *Stachytarpheta cayennensis* (L. Cl. Rich) Vahl.

Trujillo Alto, Aug. 15, '15, 9405. Sabana Llana, Aug. 13, '15, 9380.

I would add here also specimen No. 6402, Pueblo Viejo, of Heller, Jan. 13, 1903, which is in the Bronx collection under the name *M. cookiana*, an evident error of determination. This form, like the last, also has short head cells. Its mycelium is also less straight than in other specimens of this species.

On *Solanum rugosum* Dunal.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8121.

On *Solanum persicifolium* Dunal.

Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 5019.

This has short hyphopodia, similar to those of the two last mentioned.

15a. *MELIOLA GLABROIDES*, var. *SCHLEGELIAE* var. nov.

This differs from the type in its more angular capitate hyphopodia and a some what closer colony structure.

On *Schlegelia* *sps.*

El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8289 (type), 8274.

16. *MELIOLA TRILOBA* Wint.

Hedw. 25: 95, 1886.

On *Pilea parietaria* (L.) Bl. Fig. 14.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7232. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 1038. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7804.

Also reported by Earle as No. 558 of Heller's collection, 1899. This and *M. earlii* are often associated upon the same leaves but the present species is usually epiphyllous.

## SECTION C.

Spores 4-septate, no mycelial setae, perithecia with setae or appendages.<sup>1</sup>

## KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION C

Appendages larvaeform

Capitate hyphopodia distant,  $27\mu$

Head cell angular or entire

Appendages long

*M. compositarum* No. 17

“ short

*M. tuberculata* No. 18

Head cell very irregular

*M. calophylli* No. 19.

Capitate hyphopodia close,  $17\mu$

*M. arecicensis* No. 20

Appendages setiform

Mycelium very scant, (Distance between

mycelial threads more than ten times  
the thickness of the threads)

*M. miconieicola* No. 21

Head cells not usually globular

*M. tenuissima* No. 22

Head cells mostly globular

*M. parathesicola* No. 23

Mycelium not very scant

Capitate hyphopodia crowded

*M. toruloidea* No. 24

Capitate hyphopodia not crowded

*M. comocladiæ* No. 25

Tips of setae much curved

*M. tortuosa* No. 26

Tips often hooked, uncinate

Mycelium wavy

Mycelium nearly straight

Tips often coiled or spiral

<sup>1</sup>*M. solani*, see p. 15, might sometimes fall within this section.

Tips of setae slightly curved or not at all	
Setae very thin, $4\mu$	M. chamaericisticola
Setae thicker	No. 27
Branches quite uniformly at right angles	
Head cell not angular	M. rectangularis No. 28
Head cell angular	M. chioeciae No. 29.
Branches not at right angles	
Main mycelial threads running parallel	M. pteridicola No. 30
Main mycelial threads not parallel	
Setae thick, $10\mu$ , heavy walled	M. molleriana No. 31
Not as above	
Setae long, $125\mu$	
Spores $37 \times 14\mu$	M. cupaniae No. 32
Spores $50 \times 14\mu$	M. ocoteae No. 33
Setae not so long	
Colony very dense, threads agglutinated	M. compacta No. 34
Colony dense, threads not agglutinated	M. miconiae No. 35
Colony not dense	
Head cell nearly globular	M. triumphetae No. 36
Head cell not globular	M. maricaensis No. 37

### 17. MELIOLA COMPOSITARUM Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 306, 1905.

On *Eupatorium odoratum* L. Fig. 15

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 7977, 8055, Dec. 16, '13, 6056, 6001, Dec. 30, '13, 6574. El Gigante, July 10, '15, 8537. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 6, 21, '15, 7309. El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9168. Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7689. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8155. Rio Tanaama, July 6, '15, 7825. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8798. Aibonito, July 16, '15, 8466. Rosario, Nov. 27, '13, 3771. Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4683. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3898. Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3241. Cataño, Nov. 6, '13, 4185. Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5756.

Also collected by Heller, No. 141, Rio Piedras, and No. 6185 on the same host, Adjuntas; and on Willoughbaea. These all agree with Earle's eotype No. 6185. In some instances, especially in No. 5756, there is some variation in habit and the appendages are considerably larger than mentioned in the description.

17a. *MELIOLA COMPOSITARUM* Earle var. *portoricensis* var. nov.

This form agrees with the type in perithecial characters but its mycelium is much more coarse, also its appendages are larger and more irregular.

On *Eupatorium portoricense* Urb. Fig. 16.

Vega Baja, Nov. 5, '13, 4301 (type). Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 30, '13, 6861, 6034, 6031, 6866, 6830, 6557, Dec. 16, '13, 6003, 6032, 6031, July 8, '15, 7953, 8102. San Sebastian, Nov. 22, '13, 5192. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7723. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 20, '15, 7320.

On *Eupatorium dolicholepis* Urb.

Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7893.

On all hosts it is usually much overgrown with one or more parasites.

18. *MELIOLA TUBERCULATA* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, more common above, densely black, 1-3 mm. in diam., circular. Mycelium rather dense, quite crooked.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, varying from simple and ovate to irregularly lobed, usually  $30\mu$  or more apart. Mucronate hyphopodia few, narrowly conic. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae none. Perithecial appendages conic,  $51 \times 27\mu$ , very numerous, nearly every surface cell of the peritheciium being prolonged into an appendage.

Perithecia  $160\mu$  in diam. Ascii evanescent. Spores 4-septate,  $38 \times 14\mu$  obtuse, slightly constricted.

On unknown dicotyledonous plant, Vega Baja, July 2, '15, No. 7742, (type).

This species is clearly distinct from all other Porto Rican species studied, especially in the appendages to the peritheciium, the crooked mycelium, and the variable hyphopodia.

19. *MELIOLA CALOPHYLLI* sp. nov.

Colonies mainly epiphyllous, irregular, diffuse, 1-10 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads which branch irregularly,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, not crowded, about  $35\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid or pyriform, often very angular and irregular,  $24 \times 17\mu$ , the basal cell  $14\mu$  long or less. Mucronate hyphopodia very irregular in arrangement, bottle-shaped, narrow, about  $20\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae very numerous, larvaform, curved. Tip obtuse,  $51 \times 17\mu$ , translucent.

Perithecia  $220\mu$ , ostiolar region thin. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very strongly constricted, obtuse,  $44-47 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Calophyllum calaba* Jacq. Fig. 17.

Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7059 (type). Mayaguez, June 25, '15, 7489a. Vega Baja, Nov. 13, 4310.

The species is remarkable for the very numerous larvaeform appendages, it appearing as though nearly every superficial cell of the peritheciun develops into an appendage. The appendages are closely marked with transverse striae which simulate septa. The capitate hyphopodia are also characteristic. It resembles *M. inermis*, but distinguished from it by the smaller spores and more angular hyphopodia.

#### 20. *MELIOLA ARECIBENSIS* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregular, 1-3 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a rather close net work of threads which are slightly crooked and branch either opposite or alternate, about  $6\mu$  in diameter. Capitate hyphopodia alternate, one per cell, cells about  $10-17\mu$  long, head cell ovoid to cuneate or very irregular,  $20 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell varying from short to quite long,  $20\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia abundant, usually opposite, bottle-shaped, narrow,  $20\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial appendages larvaeform, few, 4-8, short, about  $85\mu$ ,  $20\mu$  thick, curved to crooked, translucent, darker at tip. Perithecia  $200\mu$ , rough, with rounded protuberances, ostiole none. Asci soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, dark brown, very strongly constricted, obtuse,  $44-51 \times 20\mu$ .

On *Acalypha biseptosa* Bert. Fig. 18.

Vega Baja, Feb. 21, '13, 365a (type). Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 30, '13, 6547.

This species collected only once is very striking. Possessing no setae either perithecial or mycelial and having the larvaeform chitinous appendages it falls within a class of but few members. It is also remarkable for the great variation in form and size of both kinds of hyphopodia, a variation far greater than I have seen on any other species. It is clearly separated from *M. acalyphae* by its chitinous appendages and character of the hyphopodia.

#### 21. *MELIOLA MICONIEICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregular, diffuse, 5-20 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a very loose network of slightly wavy threads with branches mostly opposite,  $6\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate or irregular, very distant, about  $75\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid or pyriform, sometimes slightly irregular,  $17 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $4-10\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, mostly opposite, bottle-shaped, narrow, crooked,

about  $17\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, about 3-10, arising from the base of the perithecium, straight or slightly curved. Tip obtuse,  $30-85 \times 7\mu$ , dark. Perithecia  $135\mu$ , rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, constricted, obtuse,  $35-38 \times 11\mu$ .

On *Miconia sintenisii* Cogn. Fig. 19.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8639 (type).

This Meliola is striking on account of its sparse mycelium with very distant hyphopodia.

## 22. MELIOLA TENUISSIMA SP. NOV.

Fungus amphigenous, more abundant above, colonies extremely thin, invisible to the naked eye, consisting of a loose network of wavy threads,  $7\mu$  in diameter. There is usually a distinct bend at each septum.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, distant, head cell globular, ovoid or pyriform, not angular,  $10\mu$  in diam., the basal cell about  $3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $20\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, about 3-4, straight or bent, or even uncinate at tip, about  $100\mu$  long,  $6\mu$  thick. Tip obtuse, sometimes swollen.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , slightly rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, not constricted, obtuse,  $34-37 \times 14-15\mu$ .

On *Gouania lupuloides* (L.) Urb.

Yanco, Oct. 3, '13, 3142 (type). Villa Alba, Jan. 3, '13, 96.

This species is quite unique in the extreme sparseness of the mycelium.

## 23. MELIOLA PARATHESICOLA SP. NOV.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregularly circular, punctiform, 1-2 mm. in diam. Mycelium brown, forming a very close mat, threads  $8\mu$  in diameter, branching irregularly.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, very crowded, usually in contact with adjacent hyphopodia, head cell ovoid to nearly globular or slightly angular,  $20 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $20 \times 7\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, 1-5, arising basally, straight, about  $90 \times 7\mu$ , tip obtuse, dark throughout.

Perithecia  $135-150\mu$ , rough, with rather large conic projections. Ascii soon evanescent, ascospores 4-septate, brown, cylindrical to elliptical, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $48 \times 20\mu$ .

On *Parathesis serrulata* (Sw.) Mez. Fig. 20.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8192 (type), 8204. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8947, Sept. 20, '13, 3634. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7286.

In colony and general characters it resembles *M. mayapaeicola*, but differs in setae and in shape of capitulate hyphopodia.

#### 24. MELIOLA TORULOIDEA sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, more abundant below, circular, 1-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming rather close network of threads; branches opposite or alternate,  $7\mu$  in diameter, slightly wavy.

Capitulate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, one per cell, cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell pyriform,  $20 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell very short,  $5-6\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few to many, often 30-40 per perithecium, distributed over its surface, strongly uncinate or spirally coiled, about  $70\mu$  long,  $7-8\mu$  thick, black. Young perithecia not radiate,  $170\mu$ , slightly rough, with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, light brown, constricted, obtuse,  $34 \times 16\mu$ .

On *Cassia quinquadrangulata* L. Cl. Rich. Fig. 21.

Jajome Alto, July 17, '15, 8394 (type). Maricao, July 20, '15, 8980, Jan. 10, '13, 206. Aibonito, Nov. 5, '13, 4015, July 16, '15, 8468.

On *Inga laurina* (Sw.) Willd.

Las Marias, July 7, 10, '15, 8135.

#### 25. MELIOLA COMOCLADIAE sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, more abundant above, punctiform, 1-3 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a network of threads; branches mostly opposite,  $8\mu$  in diameter.

Capitulate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded,  $17-20\mu$  apart, head cell pyriform, angular and often bent,  $20 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-5\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few or numerous, straight, usually with the tip uncinate or twisted,  $115 \times 8\mu$ , dark throughout.

Perithecia  $100-150\mu$ , rough with conic protuberances, surrounded by an areola of radiating mycelial threads. Ascii soon evanescent; 4-spored, ascospores 4-septate, pale brown, very slightly constricted, cylindrical, obtuse,  $41 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Comocladia glabra* Spreng. Fig. 22.

Rosario, July 4, '15, 9015 (type). Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7484, June 15, '15, 7056. Maricao, April 3, '13, 760.

On *Spondias mombin* L.

Maricao, April 3, '13, 749.

Peritheciun and appendages quite similar to those of *M. tortuosa* but distinct from that species in mycelial characters.

The colonies are usually densely overgrown with parasites which make the characters difficult to determine. The absence of mycelial setae, the presence of the long perithecial setae, the characteristic radiation of mycelium from the base of the peritheciun, and the characteristically angular capitate hyphopodia are each distinctive.

26. *MELIOLA TORTUOSA* Wint.

Gaillard, Len Genre *Meliola*: 67, 1892.

On *Piper umbellatum* L. Fig. 23.

Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4414, 4664. Indiera Fria, Maricao, Oct. 8, '13, 3379. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3917, Oct. 2, '13, 3152. Lares, Nov. 22, '13, 4843, 442. Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3578, 3507, 3508. Monte Alegrillo, Nov. '13, 4721. El Gigante, near Adjuntas, July 16, '15, 8560, 8497. Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7669, 7667, 7686. Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5656, 5692. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8055, 8028, 8063. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8146. Rio Tanama, near Arecibo, July 6, '15, 7883, 7909, 7842, 7916, 7887, 7848. Arecibo-Lares Road, July 7, 15, 7956, June 2, 7316. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8843. Rio Arecibo, July 8, '15, 7777, 7792.

On *Piper medium*, Jacq.

Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7752. A specimen determined by Earle is also in the Bronx collection.

On *Piper peltatum* L.

Heller, No. 6388, Dec. 25, 1902, Ponce. The type was on leaves of *Piper* from Brazil. It has also been reported upon *Dickensonia*.

This form agrees with the descriptions except that the spores are a little too small,  $37\mu$ , while the description calls for  $49-54\mu$ . It is almost always present where the host is found, often covering the leaves with its black coating.

27. *MELIOLA CHAMAECRISTICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, 1-2 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a rather close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about 14 to  $17\mu$  long, head cell ovoid,  $14 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $14-16 \times 6\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, straight or slightly curved,  $80 \times 4\mu$ . Tip obtuse, dark throughout.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $34 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Chamaecrista granulata* (Urb.) Britt. Fig. 24.

Mona Island, Dec. 20, '13, 6113 (type).

This differs from all other forms in this section in the extremely thin setae.

#### 28. MELIOLA RECTANGULARIS sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular to irregular, 1-10 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads with opposite branches which usually form right angles at the point of origin,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, about  $25\mu$  apart, cylindrical to ovoid, head cell  $17 \times 10\mu$ , scarcely thicker than the stalk cell, the basal cell  $3-5\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, conical to narrowly bottle-shaped, the neck narrow,  $20 \times 6\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, short,  $80\mu$  or less, opaque, straight or slightly curved. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ . Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $38 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Coccolobis laurifolia*, Jacq. Fig. 25.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7292 (type).

This species is chiefly characterized by its poorly differentiated hyphopodia and the right-angled branching. In the first of these characters it approaches *M. magnoliae* but is quite distinct from that form.

On *Banisteria laurifolia* L.

Jayuya, March 3, '13, 1001. Maricao, Sept. 20, '13, 4852. Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4392a, 4384. Hormigueros, K. 7, June 23, '15, 7358. Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7564. Martin Peña, Oct. 11, '15, 9298.

#### 29. MELIOLA CHIOCOCCAE, sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, irregular, circular, 1-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite and at right angles.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell irregularly globular, angular,  $17\mu$  in diameter, the basal cell  $2-6\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia not seen. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, straight or slightly curved,  $120 \times 7\mu$ . Tip obtuse, dark throughout.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , slightly rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37-41 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Chiococca alba* (L.) Hitch. Fig. 26.

Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7743 (type). Hormigueros, June 23, '15, 7325.

30. *MELIOLA PTERIDICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mainly epiphyllous, 1-6 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads which show a marked tendency to be rectilinear and to branch at right angles, quite dark, septation obscure.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, not crowded, about  $30\mu$  apart, ovoid or pyriform,  $17 \times 3\mu$ , apex thickened, the basal cell very short. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered or abundant on certain threads, alternate or opposite, small, bottle-shaped, the neck narrow,  $16-18\mu$  long  $\times 7\mu$  wide. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, about 3-10,  $90 \times 7\mu$ , dark, straight, or slightly curved at tip. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , rough, with rounded protuberances of small, 6-10 $\mu$ , subprominent cells, ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $35-40 \times 4\mu$ .

On *Aneimia adiantifolia* (L.) Sw. Fig. 27.

Rio Tanama, near Arecibo, July 6, 7814 (type). Quebradillas, June 23, 7269. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, 8015.

On *Aneimia* sp. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 30, '13, 6594.

On *Adiantum latifolium* Lam.

Las Marias, July 10, 8182. Mayaguez, June 24, 7418.

On *Adiantum* sp. aff. *A. cristatum*.

Mayaguez 3, July 19, 8795.

On *Adiantum* sp.

Mayaguez, May 1, '13, 1063.

This species is very abundant, forming dense dark patches upon the leaves and petioles though no signs of injury to the host are evident. The fungus falls within the group characterized by perithecial setae, but no mycelial setae, a group with but few representatives, none of which can be confounded with this. The chief, distinctive character is the parallel coursing of the mycelium. The colonies are usually densely parasitized by *Helminthosporium*, *Podosporium*, or *Asterina*, each giving its characteristic effect to the colony. The occurrence of both *Helminthosporium* and *Podosporium* upon this *Meliola* presents a strong argument as to the parasitic nature of these forms rather than their being a stage in the development of the *Meliola* itself.

31. *MELIOLA MOLLERIANA* Wint.

Hedw. 25: 98, 1886.

On *Sida urens* L.

Aguada, Nov. 22, '13, 5090. Mayaguez, March 9, '13, 483. San German, Dec. 8, '13, 4114, June 27, '15, 7508. Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3530. Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3243. Cataño, Nov. 6, '13, 4184. St. Ana, Dec. 31, '13, 6693. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7310, 7239. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8031, 8079. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8209. Rosario, Aug. 4, '15, 9498, 9486. El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9151.

These specimens have somewhat shorter and thinner perithecial appendages and smaller spores than the description calls for. The fungus is very common, almost always present where the host grows.

On *Varrovia* sp.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8139. El Miradero, Aug. 3, '15, 9133, Aug. 4, '15, 9164. Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7412. El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8593.

32. *MELIOLA CUPANIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, irregular, 2-10 mm. in diam., confluent, diffuse. Mycelium forming a very loose network of threads, branches mostly opposite,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, distant,  $37-70\mu$  apart, head cell ovate to cuneate, smooth or angled, often truncate, the basal cell  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped to conic, about  $20\mu$  long. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae 3-12, straight or curved. Tip obtuse,  $140 \times 5\mu$ , dark.

Perithecia  $110-170\mu$ , rough, with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, cylindrical, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Cupania americana* L. Fig. 28.

El Miradero, near Mayaguez, Aug. 4, '15, 9143 (type), 9489, Aug. 11, '15, 9318. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8948. Dos Bocas, near Utuado, July 8, '15, 8080. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 4979.

On *Cupania* sp. Quebradillas 4779.

The distinctive character of this species is the sparse mycelium and distant hyphopodia which are long and narrow.

33. *MELIOLA OCOTEAE* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophyllous, irregular, 5-10 mm. in diam. Mycelium very dark,  $6\mu$  thick, crooked, loose, branches opposite or alternate.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or unilateral, about 50-80 $\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid or angular, 20 x 14 $\mu$ , stalk cell 10 x 14 $\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia scant, bottle-shaped. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae numerous, 20 $\mu$ , straight or slightly curved, rigid, dark, about 85 $\mu$  long, apex obtuse.

Perithecia 170 $\mu$ , black. Asci evanescent. Spores 4-septate, dark, constricted, somewhat pointed at ends, 50 x 14 $\mu$ .

On *Ocotea leucoxylon* (Sw.) Mez.

Jajome Alto, July 17, '15, 8428 (type).

Resembling *M. molleriana* but differing from it in number, length and character of the perithecial hairs and in mycelial characters. Usually densely overgrown with conidial forms.

#### 34. *MELIOLA COMPACTA* Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 306, 1905. Collected by Heller, No. 6217, "on *Crossopetalum pallens*."

#### 35. *MELIOLA MICONIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, 2-5 mm. in diam., very sharply limited, black, smooth. Mycelium forming a close network of threads mainly with opposite branches, 7 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, not crowded, about 30 $\mu$  apart, head cell pyriform, irregular and angular, often bent, the basal cell 7-9 $\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia not seen. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae very inconspicuous, few, about 3-10, straight or slightly curved, or coiled, 30-85 x 10 $\mu$ . Tip obtuse.

Perithecia 170-225 $\mu$ , slightly rough with conic protuberances. Asci four-spored, soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse, 44-47 x 17 $\mu$ .

On *Miconia prasina* (Sw.) P. DC. Fig. 29.

Las Piedras, Aug. 12, '15, 9366 (type). Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8160.

This species is quite distinct from the two others found in Porto Rico upon Melastomataceae. Its very distinct colony is readily recognizable by the naked eye as a distinct form.

#### 36. *MELIOLA TRIUMFETTAE* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, punctiform, 1-3 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a close network of crooked threads which branch irregularly, 6 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate or irregular, not crowded,

about 17-50 $\mu$  apart, head cell globular to pyriform, 14 $\mu$  in diam., the basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, about 20 x 7 $\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, about 1-5, somewhat crooked, 70-85 x 6 $\mu$ , yellow, translucent. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia irregularly globular, 85-140 $\mu$  in diam., very rough, with conic protuberances, translucent. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, constricted, obtuse, 34-41 x 10-14 $\mu$ .

On *Triumfetta semitriloba* Jacq.

Utuado, Nov. 8, '15, 4421 (type). Indiera Fria, Oct. 8, '13, 3482. On *Hibiscus tiliaceus* L.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7249. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8962. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8073.

The specimens on Hibiscus while they show the same characteristic perithecia and hyphopodia, are somewhat differentiated as to the habit of the mycelium, which is less crooked and produces larger colonies than on Triumfetta. Perithecial setae are also decidedly more variable in number, sometimes entirely lacking, at other times numerous.

### 37. MELIOLA MARICAENSIS sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregular, sparse, 5-15 mm. in diam., confluent. Mycelium forming a very loose network of black threads 7 $\mu$  in diameter, branching irregular.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, distant, about 30-70 $\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid to pyriform and regular, or subpyriform, angular and quite irregular, 17 x 10 $\mu$ , the basal cell 5-7 $\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, 16-18 x 7 $\mu$ . Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae few, about 3-10, straight or slightly curved at tip, 100-150 x 7 $\mu$ , dark. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia 170 $\mu$ , rough, with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse, 48 x 20 $\mu$ .

On *Ilex nitida* (Vahl) Maxim.

Maricao, Oct. 20, '13, 3607 (type), 3607, April 4, '13, 824. Close to *M. cupaniae* but separable from it by the shape of the capitate hyphopodia.

## SECTION D

Spores 4-septate, mycelial and perithecial setae present.

## KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION D.

Setae broadly uncinate	M. contorta No. 38
Setae not broadly uncinate	
Spores long and narrow, 48-51 x 7-9 $\mu$	M. mayaguesiana No. 39
Spores not long and narrow	
Spores apiculate	M. circinans No. 40
Spores not apiculate	M. cyperi No. 41

38. *MELIOLA CONTORTA* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mainly below, irregularly circular, 1-6 mm. in diam., black. Mycelium forming a moderately loose network of threads with branches usually opposite, 7 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia large, alternate, abundant but not crowded, one to each cell and cells about 35 $\mu$  long, ovoid or elliptical, head cell 17-10 $\mu$ , apex obtuse, the basal cell about 7 $\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, alternate or scattered, bottle-shaped, the neck narrow. Mycelial setae few, scattered, similar to the perithecial in character. Perithecial setae variously curved or uncinate at the tip, several from the base of each peritheciun. About 150 $\mu$  long, 10 $\mu$  thick; apex variously marked, slightly tapering, with numerous, sharp, lateral projections, or uncinate with roughenings, or short bifid with the branches cut into small, sharp teeth.

Perithecia 140 $\mu$ , slightly rough, with rounded protuberances, ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse, 34-37 x 10 $\mu$ .

On *Piper hispidum* Sw. Fig. 30.

Las Marias, July 11, '15, 8225 (type).

This species which is my only collection of Meliola upon the host is very interesting. It belongs in that section of the genus in which few species are found, characterized by both mycelial and perithecial setae. The setae moreover, are unique in being both uncinate and forked and toothed.

39. *MELIOLA MAYAGUESIANA* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mostly hypophylloous, circular, 2-8 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a rather close network, 7 $\mu$  in diameter, branches irregular, quite crooked, tangled.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $40\mu$  long, head cell ovoid or truncate, apex often thickened,  $17 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell varying from very short to  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, narrow, alternate, bottle-shaped,  $27 \times 7\mu$ . Perithecial setae few, about 3-10, about  $100\mu$  long,  $7\mu$  thick, black throughout, contorted, usually spirally twisted, sometimes coiled into close knots; tips obtuse. Mycelial setae abundant, straight or slightly curved, very long, about  $800\mu$ ,  $9\mu$  thick, dark throughout, simple.

Perithecia  $150\mu$ , rough with conic protuberances. Ascii 2-4-spored; ascospores 4-septate, pale brown, very long and narrow, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $48-51 \times 7-9\mu$ .

On *Palicourea crocea* (Sw.) Roem. Fig. 31.

Lajas, June 17, '15, 7157 (type), June 17, '15, 7196. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8138, 8162.

On *Palicourea domingensis* (Jacq.) DC.

Piedras, Aug. 12, '15, 9320.

On *Palicourea riparia*, Benth.

Mayaguez, June 25, '15, 7403, 7019.

On *Palicourea* sp.

Mayaguez, Apr. 30, '13, 979. May 3, '13, 1131.

This Meliola is remarkable in several ways. Possessing both perithecial and mycelial setae it falls within a class of very few representatives indeed. The ascospores too, are distinctly unique, being much more slender than those of any other Meliola that I have seen.

#### 40. MELIOLA CIRCINANS Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 308, 1905.

On *Mariscus jamaicensis* (Crantz) Britton.

San Juan, Aug. 15, '15, 9221, Aug. 9, '15, 9203. Manati, Nov. 25, '15, 5286.

The type collection was made by Heller, No. 6384, on *Rynchospora aurea*.

Our specimens clearly agree with the type of Earle especially in the possession of both perithecial and mycelial setae of different lengths. The capitate hyphopodia are quite variable and though the circinate forms do occur I would not attach so much importance to this character as Earle seems to do. The sub-apiculate ascospores, however, are quite distinctive and the thickness of the mycelium and of the setae clearly separates this species from *M. cyperi*.

41. *MELIOLA CYPERI* Pat.

Gaillard, Le Genre *Meliola*: 70, 1892.

On *Cyperus* sp.

Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3946.

On *Scleria*.

Manati, Nov. 25, '13, 5252, 5286.

On *Mariscus jamaicensis* (Crantz) Britton.

San Juan, Aug. 15, '15, 9221.

This species and *M. circinans* are remarkable in that they have both mycelial and perithecial setae and one is loath to admit that two distinct species showing this very unique character are to be found in Porto Rico, especially upon the same host, and more especially upon the same plant, No. 9221. Still, a study of these two forms bears in the conviction that they are actually distinct, one with apiculate spores, the other obtuse, one with cylindrical, narrow, capitate, hyphopodia, the other with thick angular ones, one with thick setae and mycelium, the other thin.

## SECTION E

Spores, 4-septate, mycelial setae simple. No perithecial appendages.

## KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION E

Spores acute	<i>M. psidii</i> No. 42
Spores not acute	
Setal tips swollen	<i>M. clavulata</i> No. 43
Setal tips not swollen	
Tips often uncinate	<i>M. nigra</i> No. 44
Tips not often uncinate	
Capitate hyphopodia opposite	
Head cell conic	<i>M. praetervisa</i> No. 45
Head cell rounded	<i>M. andirae</i> No. 46
Capitate hyphopodia in part opposite, in part alternate	
Opposite hyphopodia numerous	
Head cell very irregular	<i>M. monensis</i> No. 47
Head cell not very irregular	
Setae 400 $\mu$	<i>M. thouinia</i> No. 48
Setae 600 $\mu$	<i>M. didymopanicea</i> No. 49
Setae 900 $\mu$	<i>M. amomicola</i> No. 50

Opposite hyphopodia comparatively few	
Setae 1100 $\mu$ long	M. myrsinacearum No. 51
Setae 600-700 $\mu$ long	M. pilocarpi No. 52
Capitate hyphopodia alternate	
Many of the head cells very irregular or angular	
Mycelium very crooked	
Setae sparse	M. stenotaphri No. 53
Setae abundant	M. capsicola No. 54
Mycelium not very crooked	
Capitate hyphopodia very distant, 700-100 $\mu$	M. paucipes No. 55
Capitate hyphopodia less distant	
Setae obtuse	M. paniei No. 56
Setae acute	
Setae brown	M. rudolphiae No. 57
Setae black	M. serjaniae No. 58
Head cells not strongly angular	
Setal tips acute	
Mycelium quite straight	
Setae not broadly curved	
Capitate hyphopodia ovate	M. dipholidis No. 59
Capitate hyphopodia cylindric	
Setae broadly curved	M. ocoteicola No. 60
Mycelium more or less crooked	M. paulliniae No. 61
Mycelium decidedly crooked	
Setae 250 $\mu$	M. chamaecristae No. 62
Setae 150 $\mu$	M. earlii No. 63
Mycelium slightly crooked	
Head cells ovate to globular	M. gesneriae No. 64
Head cells elliptical	M. jatrophae No. 65
Setal tips obtuse	
Head cell short, nearly globular	
Capitate hyphopodia 20 $\mu$ apart	M. mayepeae No. 66
Capitate hyphopodia 35 $\mu$ apart	M. gymnanthieola No. 67

Head cell cylindrical or only very slightly thickened	
Mycelium and hyphopodia not irregular	M. lucumae No. 68
Mycelium and hyphopodia irregular	M. amiphitricha No. 69
Head cell ovate or elliptical	
Setae very long, $1000\mu$	M. byrsonimae No. 70
Setae not so long	
Setae very numerous	M. tabernaemontana No. 71
Setae less numerous	
Tips dark	
Setae straight	M. ambigua No. 72
Setae curved	M. paulliniae No. 61
Tips pale	
Head cell elliptical	M. psychotriae No. 73
Head cell broader	
Spores small, $35\mu$	M. mayepeicola No. 74
Spores large, $60\mu$	M. elusiae No. 75

*M. guareae* found under section G., if the rare forked setae be overlooked, might be sought in this section.

The species of this section offer, perhaps, the greatest difficulty of classification of all of the *Meliolas* because of the very large number of forms which fall within the section and the few characters involved. Chief dependence for specific characterization must be placed upon the setae, mycelium, and hyphopodia, since differences are often wanting in other characters.

42. *MELIOLA PSIDI* Fr.

Linnaea 5: 549, 1830.

### On *Psidium guajava* L.

Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3120. San German, Dec. 12, '13, 5841. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3899, March 9, '13, 493, 6443. San Sebastian, Nov. 22, '13, 5202. Vega Alta, Nov. 13, 4183. Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5642a, July 17, '15, 8377. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7302. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8033. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7721. Sabana Llana, Aug. 13, '15, 9377. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8860. Utuado, 6563. Jayuya, 3120a.

Collected by Heller, No. 4360, near Mayaguez.

The shape of the aecospores is the chief distinguishing character of this species. The form is very common on the guava wherever it grows.

43. *MELIOLA CLAVULATA*, Wint.

Hedw. 25: 98, 1886.

On *Ipomoea* sps.

Sabana Llana, Aug. 13, '15, 9368. Monacillo, Aug. 12, '15, 9342. Rio Piedras, Nov. 3, '13, 5700. Trujillo Alto, Aug. 15, '15, 9419. El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9169. Vega Alta, Nov. 1, '13, 4088.

On *Ipomoea cathartica* Poir. Fig. 32.

Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7837.

The following collections appear to belong to the same species but in every instance the terminal setal cell was broken off.

On *Ipomoea cathartica* Poir.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8655, July 16, '15, 8692. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.5, July 8, '15, 7782. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7729.

On *Ipomoea batatas* (L.) Lam.

Vega Alta, Nov. 1, '13, 5725. Rio Tanama, July 7, '15, 7927, 7926. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8954.

On *Ipomoea tiliacea* (W.) Choisy.

Mayaguez, No. 46.

On *Ipomoea* sps.

Trujillo Alto, Aug. 15, '15, 9432. Rio Piedras, Aug. 11, '15, 9466, Aug. 10, '15, 9196. Mayaguez, Aug. 12, '15, 8098. San German, Dec. 12, '13, 5850.

The species was originally described from St. Thomas, Africa, but the Porto Rican specimens agree remarkably with Winter's description, and with a "ecotype" specimen (E. Ule, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 7, 1887), kindly sent to me by H. Sydow.

44. *MELIOLA NIGRA* sp. nov.

Colonies very black, velvety with setae, amphigenous, more abundant above, circular, 1-10 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a close network of threads, branches mostly opposite and at nearly right angles, 7 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, about 17 $\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid or pyriform or angular, 14 x 10 $\mu$ , basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped, 17 $\mu$  long. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae many, forming a dense covering to the whole of the colony except its extreme edge. About 200-270 $\mu$  long, 7-9 $\mu$  thick, dark throughout, curved, often recurved at tip. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia 150-160 $\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii 2-spored; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse, 37-41 x 14-17 $\mu$ .

On *Laguncularia racemosa* (L.) Gaertn.

Guanajibo, June 19, '15, 7197 (type). Joyuda, May 31, '15, 363.

45. *MELIOLA PRAETERVISA* Gaill.

Gaillard, Le Genre *Meliola* : 78, 1892.

On *Coccolobis pyrifolia* Desf. Fig. 33.

Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7065, Feb. 9, 1900, collected by Heller. Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5653a.

On *Coccolobis sintenisii*, Urb.

Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7066.

On *Coccolobis* sp.

Jajome Alto, July 7, '15, 17, 8386.

On *Cupania americana* L.

Mayaguez, June 23, '15, 7372.

The form on *Cupania* has the setae occasionally forked and the capitate hyphopodia are conical rather than cylindrical. This species is quite remarkable for its crowded opposite hyphopodia. These hyphopodia, moreover, are set at very uniform angles owing to the fact that the inner side of the stalk cell is uniformly shorter than the outer side. The specimens on No. 8386 have setae somewhat longer than on other hosts and no forked ones were observed.

46. *MELIOLA ANDIRAE* Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 303, 1905.

On *Andira jamaicensis* (W. Wr.) Urb. Fig. 34.

Rio Arecibo K, 64.7, July 8, '15, 7800. Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9294. Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3132, 3247, 3137. St. Ana, Dec. 31, '13, 6613. Maricao, Jan. 10, '13, 204, Apr. 3, '13, 766. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 30, '13, 6566. Vega Alta, Nov. 13, '13, 4180. Mayaguez, May 1, '13, 1078. Lares, Nov. 22, '13, 4917. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8901. Manati, Nov. 25, '13, 5629, Aug. 1915, 9481. This species conforms fully with Heller's type specimen No. 6448, collected at Santuree, Jan. 22, 1903, and is one of the best marked of all the Meliolas.

47. *MELIOLA MONENSIS* sp. nov.

Colonies mainly epiphyllous, black, small, 1-2 mm. in diam., punctiform. Mycelium forming a very close network of threads; branches crowded,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, crowded, mycelial cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell very irregularly lobed, about  $17 \times 17\mu$ , the basal cell about  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, scattered, alter-

nate or opposite, bottle-shaped, the neck narrow, often crooked,  $20\mu$  long. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant, straight, rigid, black, simple, about  $400\mu$  long,  $10-14\mu$  thick. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $250\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded protuberances. Asei  $78 \times 38\mu$ , soon evanescent; aseospores 4-septate, pale brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $45-52 \times 20-22\mu$ .

On *Amyris elemifera* L. Fig. 35.

Mona Island, Dec. 20-21, '13, 6158 (type), 6150, 6146. Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8547.

The colonies of this species are characteristic and the capitate hypopodia distinctive.

#### 48. MELIOLA THOUINIAE Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 308, 1905.

On *Allophylus crassinervis* Rad.

Quebradillas, Aug. 5, '15, 9003.

On *Thouinia striata* Rad. Fig. 36.

Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7756. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7773.

The type was collected on the same host by Heller near Bayamon, Jan. 21, 1903, No. 6435.

The cylindrical, capitate hypopodia, so crowded as to touch each other, give a unique appearance to the colonies on *Allophylus*. Study of the type specimen and my own specimens on *Thouinia* shows variation in the crowding of the hypopodia. In some parts of the colony they are densely crowded and opposite; at the edge of the same colony they may be strictly alternate and sparse.

On *Winterana canella* L.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8548, July 26, '15, 9075. Mona Island, Dec. 20, '13, 6154. Ponce, Aug. 7, '15, 9189.

On *Krugiodendron ferreum* (Vahl) Urb.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8594. Rio Tanama, near Arecibo, July 6, '15, 7895. Quebradillas, Aug. 10, '15, 9247, June 20, '15, 9266. Coamo, Feb. 6, '13, 814, Apr. 6, '13, 831.

#### 49. MELIOLA DIDYMOPANICIS P. Henn.

Hedw. 34: 106, 1895.

On *Dendropanax arboreum* (L.) Dec. & Pl.

Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7775, Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7440. Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7647.

On *Dendropanax laurifolium* (E. March.) R. C. Schneider.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8265.

The species was described from Brazilian specimens on *Didymopanax* spp. My material does not agree exactly with the somewhat meagre description, but does agree fully with a co-type specimen (Glazion, Minas Geraes, Brazil 1893) kindly furnished by Dr. H. Sydow. No perithecial setae are evident, though the mycelial setae are often clustered around the base of the peritheciun, which may account for this character in the description. A striking character in my specimens is the capitate hyphopodia, which are usually opposite, with a regular, oval head cell. The chief distinction between this species and *M. araliae* seems to be in the length of the setae. It is possible that *M. didymopanica* should be reported under that name. *M. araliae* was collected in Porto Rico, by Ule, No. 242 in 1884 on "Aralia arborea".

#### 50. *MELIOLA AMOMICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies mostly hypophyllous, black, circular to irregular, diffuse, 5-15 mm. in diam. Mycelium rather closely woven, nearly straight, black to pale straw color, branches mostly opposite,  $6\mu$  thick.

Capitate hyphopodia mostly opposite, two per cell, cells about  $24\mu$  long. Head cell cylindrical, straight or crooked, little or no thicker than the stalk cell, stalk cell  $2-4\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia scattered, bottle-shaped,  $24 \times 6\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae sparse, scattered, long,  $900-1000\mu$ ,  $10\mu$  thick at base, black throughout, acute.

Perithecia scattered,  $180\mu$  in diam. Spores  $15 \times 17\mu$ , strongly constricted, obtuse.

On *Amomis caryophyllata* (Jacq.) Krug. and Urb. Fig. 37.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 15, '15, 7054 (type). Mayaguez, June 25, '15, 7483.

#### 51. *MELIOLA MYRSINACEARUM* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, more abundant above, irregular, circular, 1-10 mm. in diam., confluent. Mycelium black, forming a close network,  $10\mu$  in diam., branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, unilateral or irregular, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $34\mu$  long, head cell nearly cylindrical or slightly pyriform,  $20 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $2-4\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $24 \times 10\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few or absent in young colonies, abundant in old colonies, straight or slightly curved,  $625+ \times 10\mu$ , dark throughout, tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $200\mu$ , somewhat rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $51 \times 17-20\mu$ .

On *Ardisia guadalupensis* Due.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7576 (type), 7057.

On *Myrsinaceae* indet.

Maricao, July 19, '15, 8905, Oct. 20, '13, 3681.

This species is closely related to *M. amphitricha* but distinguished from it by the shape of the capitate hyphopodia.

### 52. MELIOLA PILOCARPI sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregular, 4-15 mm. in diam., black. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads, branches opposite or alternate,  $8\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, rarely opposite, not crowded, one per cell, cells,  $20-30\mu$  long, head cell cylindrical or slightly thickened,  $20 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia mostly opposite, bottle-shaped, the neck often curved,  $20 \times 7\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, scattered, straight, black,  $1100\mu$  long,  $10\mu$  thick at base, tip acute.

Perithecia  $190\mu$  in diam. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, strongly constricted, obtuse,  $51-54 \times 17-20\mu$ .

On *Pilocarpus racemosus* Vahl.

Mayaguez, June 13, '15, 7080 (type).

### 53. MELIOLA STENOTAPHRI sp. nov.

Mycelium crooked or in zig-zag bends about equal in number to the hyphopodia.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, or for considerable distances unilateral, with distinct stalk of much smaller diameter than the head. Stalk cell  $7\mu$  wide,  $5-9\mu$  long; head cell spherical or oval, about  $20 \times 14\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia scarce, opposite or alternate, ampulliform,  $7 \times 14\mu$ . Mycelial setae dark, opaque, about  $275\mu$  long,  $7\mu$  thick at base, simple and acute or very rarely bifid. Perithecial setae none.

Perithecia small, about  $100\mu$ , surface rough with rounded protuberances. Spores oblong, 4-septate, obtuse, slightly constricted,  $30-44 \times 10-14\mu$ .

On *Stenotaphrum secundatum* (Walt.) Ktze. Fig. 38.

Manati, Nov. 5, '13, 4304 (type). Rio Tanama, near Arecibo, July 7, '15, 7940 July 7, '15, 7852. Dos Boeas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8023. Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7810.

The mycelium is distinctive, rather closely woven and with numerous crooks or zig-zags. The long stalks and rounded heads of the capitate hyphopodia are also sufficient to separate this from other forms.

### 54. MELIOLA CAPSICOLA sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, foliicolous and caulicolous, circular, 1-3 mm.

in diam., black. Mycelium forming a very close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches irregular, crooked.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about 20 to  $30\mu$  long, head cell very irregular in shape and size, the basal cell often long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, bottle-shaped, irregular,  $20 \times 7\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant, straight or slightly curved,  $265 \times 10\mu$ , dark throughout, tip acute.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , slightly rough. Asci soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Capsicum baccatum* L. Fig. 39.

Manati, July 2, '15, 7698. Dos Boeas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8019 (type).

On account of the great variation in the hyphopodia, both in shape and size, the form is noteworthy.

##### 55. *MELIOLA PAUCIPES* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mainly below, irregular, scattered, diffuse, 5-10 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a very loose network of threads, branching irregularly,  $7\mu$  in diam.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, distant,  $70-100\mu$  apart, ovoid or pyriform, often angular, head cell  $17 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell about  $4\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia mostly alternate, bottle-shaped. Mycelial setae none. Perithecial setae scattered, very long,  $700 \times 10\mu$ , straight, simple, tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $160\mu$ , slightly rough, ostiole none. Asci evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Piper blattarum*, Spreng. Fig. 40.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7463 (type).

This species, the only collection upon the host, is distinguished from others by its very long mycelial setae on a loose mycelium, with distant hyphopodia.

##### 56. *MELIOLA PANICI* Earle

*Muhlenbergia* 1: 12, 1901.

On *Panicum glutinosum* Sw.

Maricao, Nov. 18, '13, 4801, July 19, '15, 8934, July 20, '15, 8957. Monte de Oro, near Cayey, Dec. 3, '13, 5560, 5744, 5672, 5746. Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4389. El Alto de la Bandera, Nov. 8, '13, 4368, July 16, '15, 8930, 8680, 8647. Ponce, Nov. 8, '13, 4375. El Gigante, Dec. 15, '13, 5947. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8187.

On *Paspalum schreberianum* (Fl.) Nash.

Maricao, July 19, '15, 8803.

On *Lasiacis compacta* (Sw.) Hitch.

Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4643, 4663.

On *Lasiacis divaricata* (L.) Hitch.

Arecibo, Jan. 17, '14, 6810. Manati, Nov. 5, '13, 4298. Vega Alta, Nov. 5, '13, 4195, 4189. Vega Baja, Nov. 5, '13, 4237. Nov. 22, Arecibo, by Mrs. A. Chase.

On *Lasiacis swartziana*, Hitch.

Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3561. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8191.

On *Oplismenus setarius* (Lam.) Roem. & Schult.

Maricao, July 19, '15, 8776.

On *Andropogon leucostachyus* H. B. K.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8671.

On *Andropogon bicornis* L.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8168. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7751.

On *Olyra latifolia* L.

El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9159. Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7485, 7486, June 29, '15, 7587, June 24, '15, 7390. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8959. San German, June 27, '15, 7518. Arecibo, Jan. 17, '14, 6805.

On *Chloris petraea* Sw.

Mayaguez, Aug. 1, '15, 7810.

On *Ichnanthus pallens* (Sw.) Munro.

Maricao, Apr. 3, '13, 829. Monte de Oro, Dec. 3, '13, 5755. Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7441, 7485.

On *Gramineae* indet.

Monte de Oro, Dec. 3, '13, 5659. Arecibo, Jan. 17, '14, 6796. Trujillo Alto, Aug. 15, '15, 9441.

The type was collected by Heller near Santurce, Porto Rico.

The form on *Panicum glutinosum* and *Ichnanthus* is usually densely parasitized; the setae do not develop typically, nor are the capitate hyphopodia as likely to be angular as when on the other hosts listed.

The mycelium upon *Lasiacis swartziana*, *L. divaricata*, *Paspalum schreberianum*, *Olyra*, *Oplismenus*, the *Andropogons* and *Ichnanthus* is frequently straight for great distances, but this I take to be due to the surface of the host rather than to a specific difference in the fungus.

#### 57. MELIOLA RUDOLPHIAE sp. nov.

Mycelium strictly epiphyllous in circular spots or diffuse, black. Mycelial setae abundant, long,  $400\mu$ , black, tapering, septate, acute, simple; mycelium crooked.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, stalk cell short,  $3-6\mu$ , head cell ir-

regular, usually bent to one side,  $10 \times 17\mu$ . Ampulliform hyphopodia alternate,  $7 \times 21\mu$ .

Perithecia numerous, clustered, black,  $150-170\mu$ , slightly flattened, cup-shaped when dry, rough with low tubercles. Asci 4-spored,  $65 \times 27\mu$ . Spores 4-septate, dark brown, ends rounded, constriction moderate,  $48-51 \times 17-20\mu$ .

On *Rudolphia volubilis* Willd. Fig. 41.

Monte Alegreillo, Maricao, Nov. 14, '13, 4791 (type). Maricao, Nov. 18, '13, 4835. Luquillo Forest, Dec. 2, '13, 5439. El Alto de la Bandera, July 10, '15, 8698. Aibonito, July 16, '15, 8467.

This species resembles *M. montagnei*, differing from it in color, spores, thickness, and density of mycelium.

#### 58. *MELIOLA SERJANIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophyllous, irregular, black, 1-6 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads which branch irregularly,  $6\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate or irregular, distant,  $40-70\mu$  apart, head cell ovoid or pyriform and much lobed,  $17 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $3-6\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia usually more abundant than the capitate hyphopodia, opposite, bottle-shaped to conic, narrow,  $24 \times 6\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant, black throughout, straight or slightly curved,  $280-800 \times 10\mu$ . Tip abruptly acute.

Perithecia  $150-190\mu$ , smooth. Asci soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Serjania polyphylla* (L.) Rad. Fig. 42.

Vega Baja, Feb. 22, '13, 425 (type). Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7654. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7219. Cataño, Nov. 6, '13, 4181.

This form is clearly differentiated from *M. parenchymate*, *M. ambigua*, and *M. thouinia* previously described on the Sapindaceae, all of which have simple mycelial setae. The chief characters are angular, capitate hyphopodia, long, abruptly pointed setae, and numerous mucronate hyphopodia.

#### 59. *MELIOLA DIPHOLIDIS* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, irregular, circular, 2-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mainly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate or irregular, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $27\mu$  long, head cell obovoid to pyriform or globular, often angular or bent,  $17 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $5-7\mu$  long. Mucronate

hyphopodia alternate or opposite, wedge to bottle-shaped, 18 x 7 $\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, straight or slightly curved, 400 x 7 $\mu$ , dark throughout, tip acute.

Perithecia 110-150 $\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii 2-spored, soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, cylindrical, elliptical, distinctly thicker at the middle than toward the ends, strongly constricted, obtuse, 41-44 x 18 $\mu$ .

On *Dipholis salicifolia* (L.) A.DC.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8549 (type). Quebradillas, June 20, '15, 7265.

This species differs from *M. amphitricha* in shape of the capitate hyphopodia and spores and from *M. brasiliensis* in character of spores and setae.

#### 60. MELIOLA OCOTEICOLA sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, irregular, 3-10 mm. in diam., confluent. Mycelium forming a rather loose network of threads, branches mostly opposite, 7 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, about 30 $\mu$  apart, cylindrical, head cell scarcely thicker than the stalk, apex obtuse, the basal cell very short. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, usually opposite, conical to bottle-shaped, 20 x 6 $\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, straight or slightly curved, 300-350 $\mu$ , dark, tip acute.

Perithecia 150 $\mu$ , ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, strongly constricted, obtuse, 40 x 17 $\mu$ .

On *Ocotea leucoxylon* (Sw.) Mez. Fig. 43.

Mayaguez, June 29, '15, 7560 (type). Monte Alegrillo, near Maricao, Nov. 14, '13, 4762.

On *Chrysophyllum* sp.

Monte Alegrillo, Nov. 14, '13, 4731 (type), Nov. 18, '13, 4519.

In characters of the capitate hyphopodia this is similar to *M. magnoliae* but is still clearly distinct from that form.

Nos. 4579 and 4731 on *Chrysophyllum* present in the hypophylloous colonies a peculiar variation, in that the mycelium is exceedingly crooked and irregular. These represent, perhaps, a distinct species, but on account of the general resemblance of the capitate hyphopodia and the setae to the other form of *Chrysophyllum*, they are regarded as co-specific with it.

#### 61. MELIOLA PAULLINIAE sp. nov.

Colonies black, setose, circular, epiphyllous, 3-8 mm. in diam. My-

celium forming a loose network of straight, radiating threads,  $8\mu$  thick, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, often at right angles to mycelium, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $34\mu$  long, head cell ovate,  $17 \times 14\mu$ , stalk cell short. Mueronate hyphopodia usually opposite, bottle-shaped, neck narrow. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant, straight, simple, black throughout, rigid, abruptly acute,  $275-500 \times 8-9\mu$ .

Perithecia  $150-160\mu$ . Ascii evanescent, spores  $37-40 \times 14-15\mu$ , 4-septate, constricted, obtuse.

On *Paullinia pinnata* L.

Mayaguez, May 3, '13, 1149 (type), Oct. 31, '13, 3956, 3914, 3967a. Vega Baja, Feb. 22, '13, 376. El Alto de la Bandera, July 16, '15, 8722. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7787. Barros, Jan. 2, '13, 55.

On *Casearia ramiflora* Vahl.

Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9306, 9328. Barceloneta, Aug. 10, '15, 9256. Manati, July 2, '15, 7688. Vega Baja, March 1, '13, 512, July 2, '15, 7745, Nov. 5, '13, 4262, March 2, '13, 510. St. Ana, Dec. 31, '13, 6683. San German, Dec. 12, '13, 5844.

On *Casearia sylvestris* Sw.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7566, June 14, '15, 7017, May 1, '13, 1051, May 4, '13, 1200. Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9136. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7285. San German, Dec. 12, '13, 5837, 5864.

On *Casearia arborea* (L. Cl. Rich.) Urb.

Monte de Oro, Dec. 13, '13, 5709.

On *Casearia aculeata* Jacq.

Lajas, June 17, '15, 7151.

On *Casearia* sp.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. '17, '15, 6071. Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7074, Oct. 31, '13, 3925. 3920.

The specimens on *Casearia* differ somewhat from those on *Paullinia*, especially in the character of the setae.

On *Mammea americana* L.

Marieao, Sept. 20, '13, 3641. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8207.

On host unknown, Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15.

The specimens upon *Mammea* show distinctly longer and more slender setae than those on other hosts and are perhaps specifically distinct.

According to the keys of Gaillard this species would be identified as *M. polytricha*, K. and C., therefore, for purposes of comparison, I am publishing a photograph of the type of *M. polytricha*, fig. 44.

62. *MELIOLA CHAMAECRISTAE* Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 304, 1905.

Described "on *Chamaecrista glandulosa*," collected by Heller, No. 6371.

63. *MELIOLA EARLII* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, irregular, 1-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of crooked threads which branch irregularly, often angling at the hyphopodia, about  $6\mu$  in diam.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, not crowded, about  $25\mu$  apart, ovoid or pyriform, sometimes angular or bent,  $8 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia few, bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none.

Mycelial setae few or numerous, about  $160\mu$  long, straight or slightly curved, opaque, tip acute.

Perithecia  $160\mu$ , rough with rounded protuberances, ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, somewhat constricted, obtuse,  $35-40 \times 10\mu$ .

On *Pilea* sp. Fig. 45.

Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7685 (type).

On *Pilea parietaria* (L.) Bl.

Rio Arecibo K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7804.

On *Pilea nummularifolia* (Sw.) Wedd.

Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5640.

The species is associated with a Meliola determined by Earle as *M. triloba* on *Pilea parietaria*, Heller, No. 558. It is differentiated from *M. leptospora* by spore characters. This Meliola though associated with *M. triloba* is clearly distinct from it in the general habit of the mycelium and especially in the presence of mycelial setae on *M. earlii*.

The species is named in honor of F. S. Earle in recognition of his researches upon Porto Rican fungi.

64. *MELIOLA GESNERIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, circular, 2-8 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $24\mu$  long, head cell ovate to globular,  $10 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $4-6\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae straight or slightly curved,  $400 \times 7\mu$ , dark throughout, most abundant around the perithecia. Tip acute.

Perithecia  $110\mu$ , smooth. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted,  $41 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Gesneria albiflora* (Dene.) O. Ktz.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7431 (type), 7465. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8018, Dec. 30, '13, 6590.

On *Cestrum laurifolium* l'Her.

Maricao, Apr. 3, '13, 824.

On *Cestrum macrophyllum* Vent.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8301.

El Gigante, July 16, '15, 8561.

#### 65. *MELIOLA JATROPHAE* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular to irregular, 1-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads; branches mostly opposite, 7 $\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, forming an acute angle with the mycelium, not crowded, about 27 $\mu$  apart, head cell ovate, 17 x 7 $\mu$ , apex obtuse, the basal cell short. Mucronate hyphopodia abundant and crowded on certain threads, opposite, bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, except around the base of the perithecia where they are numerous, curved, about 250 $\mu$  long, dark, tip acute.

Perithecia 130-150 $\mu$ , slightly rough, with rounded protuberances, Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores cylindrical, 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse, short, thick, 30 x 17 $\mu$ .

On *Jatropha hernandifolia* Vent.

Rio Tanama, near Arecibo, July 6, '15, 7873 (type). Dos Bocas, near Utuado, July 8, '15, 7930.

The most distinctive characters are the short, thick ascospores and the ovate, capitate hyphopodia, all directed forward at an acute angle.

#### 66. *MELIOLA MAYEPEAE* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, more commonly epiphyllous, circular, 1-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a rather close network, 7 $\mu$  in diameter, branches opposite, mostly at acute angles.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about 35 $\mu$  long, head cell obovoid, 10 x 7 $\mu$ , the basal cell 3 $\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia not seen. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few to abundant, most plentiful around the perithecia, slightly curved, about 250 x 6 $\mu$ , dark throughout. Tip simple, obtuse.

Perithecia 170 $\mu$ , slightly rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse, 30-35 x 17 $\mu$ .

On *Mayepea domingensis* Krug and Urb. Fig. 46.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7468 (type). El Alto de la Bandera, July 16, '15, 8703.

This species is distinguished from *M. brasiliensis* by the shape of the capitate hyphopodia and the bases of the setae.

67. *MELIOLA GYMNANTHICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, 2-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite and often at right angles.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell ovoid to nearly cylindrical,  $17 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $2-3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, conical to bottle-shaped, irregular,  $16-18 \times 7\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae scattered, slightly crooked,  $300 \times 7\mu$ . Tip obtuse, dark. Perithecia  $190\mu$ , slightly rough. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Gymnanthes lucida* Sw.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8596 (type).

68. *MELIOLA LUCUMAE* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, much larger below, irregularly circular, 2-10 mm. in diam., diffuse. Mycelium forming a loose network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, distant, 1 per cell, cells about  $35\mu$  long, head cell cylindrical or tapering slightly at each end,  $17 \times 7\mu$ , the basal cell  $3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, mostly opposite, narrow-conic, about  $20 \times 4\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few slightly curved,  $200-800 \times 7\mu$ , dark throughout. Tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $100-150\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded projections. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, pale brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $44 \times 18\mu$ .

On *Lucuma multiflora* A. DC. Fig. 47.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8164 (type).

The distinctive character of the species is the sparse, diffuse, mycelium, with cylindrical, capitate hyphopodia associated with slightly differentiated mucronate hyphopodia.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8596 (type).

69. *MELIOLA AMPHITRICHIA* Fr.

Elench. Fung. 2: 109, 1828.

Reported by Earle "on leaves of tree." Heller collection, No. 288 near Caguas, 1899.

70. *MELIOLA BYRSONIMAE* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular to irregular, 2-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium forming a loose network of threads,  $10\mu$  in diam.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, distant, usually about  $120\mu$  apart, cylindrical,  $20 \times 17\mu$ , often irregular or curved, the basal cell  $3-5\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped, about  $24\mu$  long. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae very few, scattered, straight or slightly curved,  $1000\mu$  long, dark throughout. Tip obtuse to acute.

Perithecia 150 to  $160\mu$ , smooth, subtended when young by an areola of radiate hyphae. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $54 \times 18\mu$ .

On *Byrsonima lucida* (Sw.) L. Cl. Rich.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 3541 (type).

This is closely related to *M. amphitricha*, *M. ambigua* and *M. coralina*, differing from the last two in spore size; differing from the first, in abundance, length and color of setae, and in character of capitate hyphopodia and mycelium.

#### 71. MELIOLA TABERNAEMONTANAe Speg.

Ann. d. Mus. Nac. de Buenos Aires; 33: 42, 1912.

On *Rauwolfia nitida* Jacq.

Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9327, 9300.

On *Tabernaemontana oppositifolia* (Spreng.) Urb.

Mayaguez, June 15, '15, 7073. Hormigueros, K. 7, June 23, '15, 7352. Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7558.

On *Plumiera krugii* Urb.

Maricao, July, 19, '15, 8818.

These specimens conform perfectly with type material kindly supplied by Dr. Spegazzini.

The most distinctive characters are the regularly shaped, capitate hyphopodia and the black, truncate setae.

#### 71a. MELIOLA TABERNAEMONTANAe VAR. FORSTERONIAE var. nov.

The specimens on Forsteronia agree with the type quite closely, but present constant differences in the setae and capitate hyphopodia as follows: The setae are long, about  $700\mu$ , and taper to an acute apex. The capitate hyphopodia are larger and more angular than in the type.

On *Forsteronia corymbosa* (Jacq.) Mey.

Utuado, 4682 (type).

#### 72. MELIOLA AMBIGUA Pat. and Gaill.

Bull Soc. Myc. de Fr. 4: 104, 1888.

On *Lantana odorata* L.

Quebradillas, June 20, '15, 7268, 7267.

On *Lantana camara* L.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8016, 8025. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7806.

On *Lantana* sp.

Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 5008. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 17, '13, 6052, Dec. 17, '13, 6870.

### 73. MELIOLA PSYCHOTRIAE Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 308, 1905.

On *Erithalis fruticosa* L.

Quebradillas, Aug. 10, '15, 9240, 9229. Mona Island, Dec. 20, '13, 6082, 6138, 6254. Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8599. Also collected by Heller on this host, Jan. 19, 1900, No. 6430, and on *Psychotria* sps., near Ponce, Dec. 9, 1902.

On *Gonzalagunia spicata* (Lam.) G. Maza.

Sabana Llana, Aug. 13, '15, 9371. Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9134. Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7388, July, '15, 7910, June 14, '15, 7044, 7046. Vega Baja, Aug. —, '15, 9271. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7793. Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7592.

On *Randia aculeata* L.

Quebradillas, June 20, '15, 7301, Nov. 22, '13, 4985. Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7757. Hormigueros, June 23, '15, 7351. Monacillo, Aug. 12, '15, 9353.

The specimens on this host show slight differentiation in the hypopodia and setae.

On *Chiococca alba* (L.) Hitch.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7467. Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7859. Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9299. Hormigueros, June 23, '15, 7325.

On *Guettarda ovalifolia* Urb.

Maricao, Jan. 10, '12, 234.

On *Borreria laevis* (Lam.) Griseb.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8593, 8598. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8090.

On *Borreria ocimooides* DC.

One specimen with no data.

On *Rubiaceae* indet.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8550, 8546.

I find this species also on *Exostema caribaceum* (Jacq.) R. and Sch. collected in Santo Domingo by Taylor, No. 483.

### 74. MELIOLA MAYEPEICOLA sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, punctiform, 1-2 mm. in diam. My-

celium black, forming a very close network,  $9\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia large, alternate, close, 1 per cell, cells about  $20\mu$  long, head cell pyriform,  $24 \times 17\mu$ , the basal  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, crooked, narrow,  $16-18 \times 6\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, straight or slightly curved,  $150 \times 7\mu$ , dark throughout, tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $100-119\mu$ , slightly rough, with conic projections.

Asci soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $34 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Mayepea domingensis* Krug and Urb.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7556 (type). Maricao, Apr. 3, '13, 822.

The distinctive characters of this species are close, dense, small colony and thick capitate hyphopodia. The setae are sometimes very scant and may perhaps be entirely wanting. Most leaves which bear this fungus are infested with *M. mayepeae* also, but the two are readily separable by the naked eye.

#### 75. *MELIOLA CLUSIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophyllous, irregular, diffuse, 3-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium brown,  $8\mu$  thick, nearly straight, branching mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, 1 per cell, cells about  $30\mu$  long. Head cell ovate to elliptical, more rarely cylinder or irregular,  $20 \times 14\mu$ , stalk cell  $2-4\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia scattered,  $20 \times 7\mu$ , bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few,  $800 \times 10\mu$  at base, tips obtuse, brittle, usually broken, mostly clustered around the perithecia.

Perithecia apparently dimidiate, with an areola of radiating hyphae. Spore  $61 \times 20\mu$ , strongly constricted, obtuse, cylindrical.

On *Clusia minor* L.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, 8571, July 15, '15, 8283 (type).

#### SECTION F.

Spores 4-septate, no perithecial setae or appendages, mycelial setae simple, uncinate. There are only two species known in Porto Rico.

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION F.

Capitate hyphopodia crowded	<i>M. guareicola</i> No. 76
Capitate hyphopodia not crowded	<i>M. tecomae</i> No. 77

76. *MELIOLA GUAREICOLA* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, punctiform, 1-4 mm. in diam., black. Mycelium dense, forming a close mat of threads which readily separates as a whole from the substratum.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, crowded, head cell globular, ovoid or pyriform,  $14 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $2-3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, the neck narrow,  $16-18 \times 7\mu$ . Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae numerous, forming a dense mat covering the colony to the edge,  $200-300\mu$  long,  $7\mu$  thick, dark, pale at tip, upper part strongly coiled or twisted. Tip acute.

Perithecia small,  $100-500\mu$ , distinctly ostiolate. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $37 \times 10\mu$ . On *Guarea trichilioides* L.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8166 (type), July 11, '15, 8245. Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7464. Adjuntas, Nov. 22, '13, 4971. Monte de Oro, near Cayey, Dec. 3, '13, 5737. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8096.

This species is usually associated with *M. guareae* from which it is readily distinguished by its uncinate hairs.

77. *MELIOLA TECOMAE* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous, mainly epiphyllous, circular, 2-5 mm. in diam. Mycelium black, forming a close network of threads,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells, about  $35\mu$  long, head cell ovoid,  $17 \times 13\mu$ , the basal cell  $6-10\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, irregularly conic,  $16-18 \times 6\mu$ , no well differentiated neck. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant, broadly curved into a large hook at the end,  $170 \times 10\mu$ , dark throughout, tip obtuse.

Perithecia  $170\mu$ , slightly rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse,  $44 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Tecoma pentaphylla* (L.) Juss. Fig. 48.

Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9332 (type), Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7396, 7078. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8177. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8960. On *Tecoma* sp.

El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9163. Las Marias, March 22, '13, 3593. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3950. Maricao, Nov. 18, '13, 4804. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 4978, 4981. Vega Baja, Nov. 5, '13, 4310a. Arecibo-Lares Road, Jan. 21, '14, 6790.

The distinguishing character is the long, broadly curved or hooked,

black, setac. They, in general, resemble those figured by Gaillard for *M. balansae* or *M. intermedia*, but the agreement goes no further. There is a strong superficial resemblance to *M. pazschkeana*, but the two are readily distinguished by their very different mucronate hyphopodia.

A specimen on Tecoma which I have not seen, labelled *M. pazschkeana*, in the Bronx herbarium may possibly belong here.

### SECTION G

Spores 4-septate, no perithecial appendages, mycelial setae both simple and forked.

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION G<sup>1</sup>

Capitate hyphopodia opposite	M. ipomoeae No. 78
Capitate hyphopodia not usually opposite	
Setae very long, 1000 $\mu$	M. guareae No. 79
Setae shorter	
Capitate hyphopodia very narrow, scarcely thicker than the stalk cell	M. magnoliae No. 80
Capitate hyphopodia thicker	
Head cell nearly globular	M. bicornis No. 95
Head cell more or less elongated	
Capitate hyphopodia often opposite	M. smilacis No. 81
Capitate hyphopodia alternate	
Head cell regular	M. helleri No. 82
Head cell irregular	
Setae sometimes forked	M. mangiferae No. 83
Setae merely denticulate	M. denticulata No. 84

#### 78. *MELIOLA IPOMOEAE* Earle (Not *M. ipomoeae* Rehm<sup>2</sup>)

Muhlenbergia 1: 10, July 1901.

On *Ipomoea cathartica* Poir.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8183. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7729.  
El Alto de la Bandera, July 16, '15, 8692.

On *Ipomoea tiliacea* (W.) Choisy.

Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3506. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3909.

On *Ipomoea* sps. Fig. 49.

El Miradero, Aug. 4, '15, 9160. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8,

<sup>1</sup>*M. stenotaphri* which very rarely has bifid setae is to be found in section E.

<sup>2</sup>The use of this specific name by Rehm (Ann. Myc. 12: 171, 1914) is clearly invalidated by the prior use by Earle and *M. ipomoeae* Rehm becomes *M. ipomoeae-phile* Rehm, in lit.

'15, 8083. Dec. 30, '13, 6563. Rosario, No. 4810. Maricao, July 19, '15, 8784, 9001.

The type was collected near Mayaguez by Heller, No. 4358, in 1900. A specimen from the Bronx Garden, No. 6258, determined by Earle, shows the capitate hyphopodia to be almost exclusively opposite. Although this character is not mentioned by Earle in his description it appears to me to be the most distinctive feature of the species. The perithecia instead of being "few, 2-4," as described, are very numerous, 20+ per colony. The forward angling of the hyphopodia appears to me to be a variable character.

This fungus frequently grows upon the same leaf with *M. clavulata* which it resembles very closely, with the exception of the setal tips and the arrangement of the capitate hyphopodia.

#### 79. *MELIOLA GUAREAE* Speg.

Ann. d. Mus. Nac. de., Buenos Aires, 23: 42, 1912.

On *Guarea trichiliooides* L.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8166 (type). Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8096. Monte de Oro, Dec. 3, '13, 5737. Adjuntas, Nov. 22, '13, 4971. Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5691. Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7464. Usually associated with *M. guareicola* but on the lower side of the leaves.

These specimens differ from the type, which was sent to me by Dr. Spegazzini, in that they have larger hyphopodia, more abundant setae, and in minor colony characters, especially in density of growth. The setae with forked tips are rare and the fact that this character was not mentioned by Spegazzini is not significant.

#### 80. *MELIOLA MAGNOLIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies hypophylloous, irregular, 3-20 mm. in diam., black. Mycelium forming a very loose network of threads,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate or irregular, distant, about  $45\mu$  apart, head cell cylindrical, very little thicker than the stalk cell, straight or somewhat curved, obtuse, the basal cell about  $7\mu$  long.

Mucronate hyphopodia opposite or irregular, almost cylindrical to slightly bottle-shaped,  $20\mu$  long. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae few, about  $700\mu$  long, straight or slightly curved, opaque. Tip acute, simple or occasionally forked, with short teeth.

Perithecia  $200\mu$  in diam., slightly rough with rounded protuberances, ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, dark brown, very strongly constricted, obtuse,  $51 \times 20\mu$ .

On *Magnolia portoricensis* Bello. Fig. 50.

Monte Alegrillo, near Maricao, Nov. 14, '13, 4738 (type).

This species is remarkable for the slight differentiation of its capitate and mucronate hyphopodia which differ from each other but little and also very much resembles branches, though of determinate growth. This is evidently one of the most primitive forms in the genus.

#### 81. *MELIOLA SMILACIS* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous but more abundant above, circular, irregular, 2-4 mm. in diam. Mycelium not crooked, of medium density, branches opposite.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, opposite or unilateral, head cell cylindrical to globular,  $14 \times 11\mu$ , stalk cell short, about  $4\mu$ . Mucronate hyphododia rare, conical, neck short and tapering, or ampulliform with neck longer. Mycelial setae abundant, about  $500\mu$  high, tapering,  $10\mu$  thick at base, apex obtuse, rarely bifid, pale, base opaque.

Perithecial setae or appendages none. Perithecia about  $200\mu$  in diam. Ostiole a mere thinning of the apical region. Asci soon evanescent, short type. Spores 4-septate, but slightly constricted, ends obtuse,  $15 \times 17\mu$ .

On *Smilax coriacea* Spreng.

Manati, Nov. 25, '13, 5261 (type).

On *Smilax* sp. indet.

Jajome Alto, July 17, '15, 8429.

The two hosts appear to be quite different but it is possible that the latter specimen is a form of *S. coriacea*.

This Meliola belongs to the group of *M. amphitricha* from which it is distinguished by its ostiole, which is however, very difficult of observation, by the sometimes forked tips of the mycelial setae and by the capitate hyphopodia.

#### 82. *MELIOLA HELLERI* Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 307, 1905.

The type is on an "unknown woody plant perhaps belonging to the Myrtaceae", Heller No. 6251, 3 miles west of Ponce, Dec. 9, 1902.

The setae in the cotype specimen which I examined were more frequently simple than forked as called for in the description.

On *Eugenia stahlii* (Kiaer.) K. and Urb.

Luquillo Forest, Dec. 4, '13, 5343. El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8665. Jajome Alto, July 17, '15, 8436.

The specimens are much overgrown by parasites. Setae were seen upon one specimen, but all were simple.

On *Eugenia monticola* (Sw.) P. DC.

Manati, Nov. 5, '13, 4285.

On *Myrcia deflexa* (Poir) P.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 14, '15, 8268, 8268, 8672.

This collection is heavily overgrown by parasites and the determination is therefore not fully reliable. The typical setae were not seen but the character of the mycelium and capitate hyphopodia were those of *M. helleri*.

On *Myrcia splendens* (Sw.) P. DC.

Jajome Alto, Dec. 3, '13, 5646.

### 83. MELIOLA MANGIFERAЕ Earle

Bull. N. Y. Bot. Gard. 3: 307, 1905.

On *Mangifera indica* L.

Mayaguez, Aug. 5, '15, 9478, Jan. 8, '14, 6723, June 16, '15, 7109.

Vega Baja, Feb. 23, '13, 440. Manati, Nov. 5, '13, 4300. Luquillo Forest, Dec. 2, '13, 5558, 5428. El Gigante, near Adjuntas, Dec. 15, '13, 6016. Collected also by Heller, No. 6393, near Rio Piedras, Jan. 9, 1903.

In many cases the colonies, particularly epiphyllous colonies, lack the usual velvety appearance, have few setae, a loose mycelium instead of the dense mycelium, and lack the numerous hairs that characterize the large black hypophyllous blotches. The forking of the setae seems to be the exception rather than the rule.

### 84. MELIOLA DENTICULATA Wint.

Gaillard, Le Genre Meliola: 98, 1892.

On *Roystonea borinquena* Cook.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7279.

### SECTION H

Spores 4-septate, no perithecial appendages, mycelial setae forked.

#### KEY TO SPECIES OF SECTION H

Apical branches strongly divergent, well-developed

Primary branches at nearly right angles

Primary branches long,  $15+\mu$

Secondary branches well developed

*M. cucurbitacearum*

No. 85

Secondary branches merely toothed

*M. furcata* No. 86

Primary branches short,  $4-10\mu$

*M. hessii* No. 87

Primary branches not at right angles

Primary branches short, $18\mu$	M. piperis No. 88
Primary branches longer	
Capitate hyphopodia mostly opposite	
Secondary and tertiary branches well developed	M. quadrispina No. 89
Tertiary branches often not developed	M. philodendri No. 90
Capitate hyphopodia alternate	M. merrillii No. 91
Apical branches merely teeth or not strongly divergent	
Apical teeth crowded, forming a crest	M. gaillardiana No. 92
Apical teeth not crowded to form a crest	
Setae very dark	
Setae about $400\mu$ long, hyphopodia largely opposite	M. dieffenbachiae No. 93
Setae about $300\mu$ long	M. bidentata No. 94
Setae translucent	M. bicornis No. 95

### 85. MELIOLA CUCURBITACEARUM sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, circular, 1-3 mm. in diam. On leaves and stems. Mycelium black, forming a rather close network,  $7\mu$  in diameter, branches mostly alternate.

Capitate hyphopodia alternate, not crowded, 1 per cell, cells about  $17$  to  $24\mu$  long, head cell ovoid, lobed,  $17 \times 14\mu$ , the basal cell  $7\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped,  $20 \times 5\mu$ , neck narrow and crooked. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae abundant in the older parts of the colony,  $190 \times 9\mu$ , dark throughout. Tip once or twice dichotomous, branches standing at nearly right angles to the main axis, primary branches  $15-35\mu$ , secondary about the same, apices acute. Perithecia  $120\mu$ , rough with rounded protuberances. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 14\mu$ . On leaves and stems of an unknown Cucurb, probably Cayaponia.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 16, '15, 8732 (type). Fig. 51.

The species is readily recognized by its characteristic, once or twice dichotomous setae and its lobed capitate hyphopodia.

### 86. MELIOLA FURCATA Lev.

Ann. Sc. Nat. 266, 1846.

On *Coccothrinax alta* (Cook) Becc.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 17, '13, 6060.

On *Acrista monticola* Cook.

El Alto de la Bandera, 8303 a. Luquillo Forest, Dec. 4, '13, 5400.

On *Thrinax ponceana* Cook.

Guayanilla, July 14, '15, 8590, 8017, July 26, '15, 9074.

On *Thrinax praeceps* Cook.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8017.

On *Macrodiscus lactiflorus* (Vahl.) Bur.<sup>1</sup>

Coamo, Apr. 6, '13, 850 a.

#### 87. MELIOLA HESSII sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, irregular, orbicular, 2-3 mm. in diam. Centers denuded when old. Mycelium straight, forming a close network of threads, branches mostly opposite,  $7\mu$  in diameter.

Capitate hyphopodia opposite, crowded, about  $17\mu$  apart, head cell pyriform,  $7 \times 10\mu$ , the basal cell  $3\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite, bottle-shaped. Perithecial setae none. Mycelial setae erect, rigid, not very numerous, uniformly about  $190\mu$  high,  $8\mu$  thick. Tip divided dichotomously, once, twice or thrice, into short branches which stand out nearly at right angles to the main stalk. Setal branches about  $15\mu$  long.

Perithecia  $150\mu$ , minutely rough. Asci soon evanescent, 4-spored; ascospores 4-septate, brown, slightly constricted, obtuse,  $41 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Paullinia pinnata* L. Fig. 52.

Sabana Llana, Aug. 13, '15, 9367 (type). Mayaguez, May 4, '13, 1207b.

Named in honor of Mr. W. E. Hess who collected largely in Porto Rico.

The species is remarkable for its straight, rigid setae of characteristic branching. Its characters are so marked that it is separated readily by the naked eye from the other species on *Paullinia*.

#### 88. MELIOLA PIPERIS Earle

*Muhlenbergia* 1: July 1901, 12.

On *Piper aduncum* L.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 7, '15, 7964. Las Marias, July 10,

<sup>1</sup>The determinations of the Meliolas on Palms were all made by Mr. W. E. Pickler, who has made a special study of the variability of the setal tips of *M. furcata*.

'15, 8603. Maricao, April 3, '13, 758. Monte de Oro, near Cayey, Dec. 3, '13, 5678.

The type was collected by Heller on *P. adunctum* near Mayaguez, Jan. 1900, No. 4359 b.

#### 89. *MELIOLA QUADRISPINA* Rac.

Parasit. Algen. u. Pilze, Javas, III, 33, 1900.

*Meliola quadrifurcata* Rehm. Leaflets of Philippine Bot. 6: 2194, 1914.

On *Ipomoea cathartica* Poir. Fig. 53.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8163. .

In general aspect of the colony and in the shape of the hyphopodia there is a striking similarity among the three species above recorded on the Convolvulaceae, which may point to a close relationship between them. This very beautiful species differs from all others that I have seen in its delicately forked setae, which are indeed the striking characters of the colony. Both types of hyphopodia are strictly opposite though this character is not mentioned in the original description.

#### 90. *MELIOLA PHILODENDRI* sp. nov.

Colonies chiefly epiphyllous, circular, black, 1-5 mm. in diam., velvety. Mycelium coarse,  $8\mu$ , straight, branches opposite at uniform angles, setigerous close to the margin of the colony.

Capitate hyphopodia mostly opposite, about  $20-30\mu$  apart, stalk cell short,  $3\mu$ , head cell oval, not angular,  $10 \times 14\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia scarce, ampulliform, alternate or opposite, often crowded, mycelial setae long,  $230-300\mu$ , black, at base about  $9\mu$  thick, dichotomous, forking three or more times, ultimate branches acute, branches about  $120\mu$  long.

Perithecia about  $185\mu$  in diam. Spores cylindrical, obtuse, 4-septate, only slightly constricted,  $48-54 \times 15-20\mu$ . Spores sometimes narrower and much constricted, becoming moniliform in appearance.

On *Philodendron krebsii* Schott. Fig. 54.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7225 (type). Jayuya, March 2, '13, 377, Mech. 1, '13, 437. Ponce, Nov. 8, '13, 4346. Jajome Alto, July 17, '15, 8424. Maricao, July 20, '15, 8994. El Alto de la Bandera, July 16, '15, 8712.

The long, branching, dichotomous setae, together with the opposite hyphopodia distinguish this species. The species is a conspicuous one and is of common occurrence in Porto Rico wherever the host is found.

91. *MELIOLA MERRILLII* Syd.

Phil. Jour. Sc. 8 C 6: 479, 1913.

On *Cissus sicyoides* L.

San German, Dec. 12, '13, 5846, Nov. 8, '13, 5789, 5788. Lares, Nov. 22, '13, 4841. Utuado, Nov. 8, '13, 4418, 4398. Villa Alba, Jan. 3, '12, 101. El Gigante, near Adjuntas, Dec. 15, '13, 5819. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, Dec. 17, '13, 6063, July 8, '15, 8101, July 7, '15, 7968. Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3565. Aguada, Nov. 22, '13, 5102. Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3145, 3143. Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3948, 3910. Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7913. Manati, July 2, '15, 7690.

The type is on *Cissus* leaves collected in Luzon by Merrill. A co-type specimen was kindly sent to me by Doctor Merrill, also by Dr. H. Sydow, and comparison clearly verifies the determination, though there are certain minor differences. In particular, the mycelium in the Porto Rican specimens is much more dense and luxuriant.

92. *MELIOLA GAILLARDIANA* sp. nov.

Colonies epiphyllous, small, circular, 1-2 mm. in diam., black; mycelium irregular, crooked, forming a very close, dense network of threads about  $9\mu$  thick, cells about  $14\mu$  long.

Capitate hyphopodia small, alternate or irregular, crowded, about  $7-17\mu$  apart, ovoid, pyriform or curved,  $10\mu$  in diam., the basal cell  $5-6\mu$  long. Mucronate hyphopodia few and scattered, alternate or opposite, bottle-shaped, the neck narrow. Mycelial setae abundant, straight, rigid,  $220\mu$  long,  $10\mu$  thick, opaque; at tip bearing a crest, about  $17-34\mu$ , of short, acute spines; sometimes forking below this crest. Perithecial setae none.

Perithecia  $170\mu$  in diam., slightly rough with rounded protuberances of small,  $6\mu$ , subprominent cells, ostiole none. Ascii soon evanescent; ascospores 4-septate, brown, very slightly constricted, obtuse, terminal cells longer than the others,  $3 \times 14\mu$ .

On *Piper aduncum* L. Fig. 55.

Rio Arecibo, July 8, '15, 7794 (type), 7796. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8044, Dec. 30, '13, 6802. Las Marias, July 11, '15, 8223.

The crests at the apices of the mycelial setae are very distinctive. They seem to be due to a very close, dichotomous branching. The form is most nearly related to *M. piperis* but is separated from that species by the setal tips and the density of mycelium. It differs much from *M. pululahuensis* in its mycelial tips. The difference from *M. patouillardii* is less, still the form appears to be distinct from both.

Named in honor of A. Gaillard in recognition of his extensive studies of the genus *Meliola*.

93. *MELIOLA DIEFFENBACHIAE* sp. nov.

Colonies amphigenous with a tendency to be more numerous above but larger below, 1-5 mm. in diam., black, velvety.

Mycelium branches usually opposite at uniform angles forming a rather dense mat. Capitate hyphopodia alternate or opposite, oblong, spherical or curved, basal cell  $4\mu$  long, head cell  $10-14\mu$ . Mucronate hyphopodia few, alternate or opposite. Mycelial setae rigid, black, straight, about  $400\mu$  long, short branched or merely toothed apex. Teeth of varying number and size. Perithecial setae or appendages none. Ascii soon evanescent, 2-4-spored. Spores cylindrical,  $40 \times 14\mu$ , 4-septate, ends obtuse, slightly constricted at the septa, end cells rather larger than the others.

Perithecia grouped in center of colony, numerous,  $140-170\mu$  in diam. On *Dieffenbachia sequine* (Jacq.) Schott. Fig. 56.

Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8148 (type), 8210. Maricao, Oct. 18, '13, 3889, July 19, '15, 8851. Cataño, July 2, '15, 7707. Lajas, June 17, '15, 7155. Monte de Oro, near Cayey, Dee. 3, '13, 5666, 5731. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8074, 8077. Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7420.

This differs strikingly from *M. philodendri* in the branching of its setae. It resembles *M. fuscidula* but differs from it in the character of the setae.

94. *MELIOLA BIDENTATA* Cke.

Grev. 11: 37, 1882.

On *Tecoma pentaphylla* (L.) Juss.

Guanajibo, June 19, '15, 7202, 9002. Hormigueros, K. 7, June 23, '15, 7347.

On *Tabebuia haemantha* (B.) Gris.

Monte Alegre, 4716.

On unknown dicot, St. Ana, July 1, '15, 7621, 7633.

The above named specimens were compared with and agree with a specimen obtained from the Kew Gardens. (Ravenel Fung. Amer. Exs.—No. 330,) there labeled "*M. furcata*, Lev." but also labeled in Cooke's writing "not furcata Lev. but bidentata Cke. M.C.C."

95. *MELIOLA BICORNIS* Wint.

Hedw. 26: 99, 1886.

On *Meibomia axillaris* (Sw.) O. Ktz. Fig. 57.

Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7653. Las Marias, July 10, '15, 8179. Mayaguez, June 24, '15, 7395. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7791. Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7838.

On *Meibomia adscendens* (Sw.) Kuntz.

El Alto de la Bandera, July 15, '15, 8531, 8648.

On *Meibomia supina* (Sw.) Britt.

Cataño, Dec. 3, '13, 4532. Martin Peña, Aug. 11, '15, 9309. Mariacao, July 19, '15, 8793, July 20, '15, 8975. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7750. Mayaguez, July 3, '15, 8094. Florida Adentro, July 15, '15, 7666. Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7854. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8022. El Gigante, near Adjuntas, Dec. 15, '13, 5820. Indiera Fria, Oct. 8, '13, 3370.

On *Dalbergia monetaria* L. fil.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 25, '15, 7476. Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7243. Maricao, Sept. 20, '13, 3658.

On *Dalbergia* sps.

Mayaguez Mesa, June 29, '15, 7577. Rosario, Apr. 3, '13, 711, July 4, '15, 9016.

On *Bradburya virginiana* O. Ktz.

Arecibo-Lares Road, June 21, '15, 7242. Manati, July 2, '15, 7694. Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8043. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7749. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 5036.

On *Mimosa ceratonia* L.

Maricao, July 20, '15, 8899, 8868. Rio Arecibo, K. 64.7, July 8, '15, 7770. Vega Baja, July 2, '15, 7744. Aibonito, Nov. 3, '13, 4020.

On *Lonchocarpus glaucifolius* Urb.

Quebradillas, June 20, '15, 7264.

On *Erythrina micropteryx* Poepp.

El Miradero, Aug. 11, '15, 9166.

On *Teramnus uncinatus* (L.) Sw.

Maricao, 3503, Jan. 10, '12, 228. Añasco, Oct. 12, '13, 3583, 3537. Yauco, Oct. 3, '13, 3136.

The form on *Teramnus*, Nos. 6554, 3583, 3503, is much branched at the apices.

On *Dolicholos reticulatus* Millsp.

Florida Adentro, July 1, '15, 7682, 7675. Vega Baja, Nov. 5, '13, 4263. Lares, Nov. 22, '13, 4933. Quebradillas, Nov. 22, '13, 4982. Barceloneta, Aug. 10, '15, 9259. Rio Tanama, Aug. 6, '15, 7875.

On an unknown Legume by Heller, 6259.

This series of specimens on the various hosts shows considerable variation, particularly as to setal apices. The mycelium and the capitate hyphopodia, however, are quite characteristic and I am therefore

inclined to include all of these forms, growing as they do upon members of one family, in one single species, recognizing as varieties such as show well-marked and constant difference. These differences are usually in the setae, which on some hosts are almost invariably simple, on others slightly toothed, and on still others much toothed and contorted.

The species as manifest on some of its hosts clearly agrees with *M. bicornis* Wint of Rabenhorst's *Fungi Europaei*, No. 3545, collected on an unknown legume in Brazil, May 1885; with an authentic specimen kindly loaned from the Kew Gardens; with a specimen of the Heller collection determined by Earle and with a cotype specimen kindly sent to me by Dr. H. Sydow. It does not, however, conform to the description of this species as given by Gaillard, or the original description of Winter, in that the capitate hyphopodia are not often opposite, as they describe, and as Gaillard figures them, nor are the setae deeply bifid as he describes and figures. Since the original description was by Winter and the Brazilian specimen was published by Winter, and our specimen is clearly co-specific with the Brazilian specimen, it seems best to regard the present series as *M. bicornis*.

On *Meibomia*, the tips are either acute and simple, or bifid or toothed. Some collections are uniformly simple, others uniformly toothed, yet the species appears to be identical. The collections on *M. adscendens* and *M. axillaris* are rarely forked, while those on *M. supina* are rarely undivided. One collection on *M. axillaris*, No. 7838, however showed a remarkable variant, with much and very irregularly forked apices. The form on *Erythrina* has few setae and these sometimes contorted at the tip. The specimens on *Bradburya* show the capitate hyphopodia somewhat more angular, with simple and unusually bent setae.

95a. *M. BICORNIS* VAR. *CALOPOGONII* var. nov.

On *Calopogonium orthocarpum* Urb.

Dos Bocas, below Utuado, July 8, '15, 8060, Dec. 16, '13, 6035.  
Mayaguez, Oct. 31, '13, 3492, Apr. 10, '13, 372. Aguada, Nov. 22, '13, 5087.

The form on *Calopogonium* shows perhaps greater differentiation than any of the other forms. The setae are more rigid, more uniformly fine toothed and the capitate hyphopodia are a trifle larger than on other hosts.

95b. *M. BICORNIS VAR. GALACTIAE* var. nov.

On *Galactia dubia* P. DC.

Rio Tanama, July 6, '15, 7856 (type).

The form on *Galactia* is well differentiated with large, capitate hyphopodia and usually with divided setae.

Meliola sp. indet. Mayaguez, May 1, '13, No. 1067 on a legume said by Percy Wilson to be "possibly a narrow leaved form of *Clitoria rubiginosa* Juss."

This collection consisting of a few leaves I have not named because of the scanty material. It is a 4-septate form with no mycelial setae, but with obtuse perithecial appendages which are curved,  $27-51 \times 7\mu$ , Perithecia  $125-172\mu$  in diameter. Mycelium quite typical in the manner in which the threads anastomose. Capitate hyphopodia alternate, head cell nearly globular. Mucronate hyphopodia opposite or alternate, neck long, narrow. Spores 4-septate,  $41 \times 17\mu$ , obtuse.

*M. cookenana*, Speg. Specimens on *Lippia*, *Stachytarpheta* and *Lantana*, bearing this name are in the New York Garden collections. The determination on *Lantana* is evidently erroneous. The other specimens have not been examined.

## HOST LIST

## ARRANGED BY FAMILIES

## Polypodiaceae

<i>Adiantum latifolium</i>	M. pteridicola
<i>Adiantum</i> sp.	M. pteridicola

## Schizaeaceae

<i>Aneimia adiantifolia</i>	M. pteridicola
<i>Aneimia</i> sp.	M. pteridicola

## Gramineae

<i>Andropogon bicornis</i>	M. panici
<i>Andropogon leucostachyus</i>	M. panici
<i>Paspalum schreberianum</i>	M. panici
<i>Paspalum glutinosum</i>	M. panici
<i>Panicum glutinosum</i>	M. panici
<i>Lasiacis swartziana</i>	M. panici
<i>Lasiacis compacta</i>	M. panici
<i>Lasiacis divaricata</i>	M. panici
<i>Ichnanthus pallens</i>	M. panici
<i>Oplismenus setarius</i>	M. panici
<i>Olyra latifolia</i>	M. panici
<i>Stenotaphrum secundatum</i>	M. stenotaphri
<i>Chloris petraea</i>	M. panici

Six other species have been reported upon Gramineae as follows:  
*M. bambusae*, *M. herculeus*, *M. arundinis*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. furcata*,  
*M. substenospora*.

## Cyperaceae

<i>Mariscus jamaicensis</i>	M. cyperi
<i>Mariscus jamaicensis</i>	M. circinans
<i>Rhynchospora aurea</i>	M. circinans
<i>Cyperus</i> sp.	M. cyperi
<i>Scleria</i> sp.	M. cyperi

Those previously reported upon the Cyperaceae are: *M. circinans*,  
*M. intricata*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. argentina*, *M. uleana*, *M. cyperi-uleana*,  
and *M. cyperi-italica*.

## Palmae

<i>Macrodiscus lactiflorus</i>	M. furcata
<i>Aerista monticola</i>	M. furcata
<i>Thrinax ponceana</i>	M. furcata
<i>Thrinax praeceps</i>	M. furcata
<i>Coccothrinax alta</i>	M. furcata

*Roystonea borinquena* M. *denticulata*

Previously reported on the Palmae: *M. iquitosensis*, *M. manaoensis*, *M. palmicola*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. contigua*, *M. furcata*, *M. hyalospora*.

Araceae

*Philodendron krebsii* M. *philodendri*

*Dieffenbachia seguine* M. *dieffenbachiae*

Liliaceae

*Smilax coriacea* M. *smilacis*

Three other species are reported on the Liliaceae, viz., *M. hyalospora*, *M. subdentata*, *M. dracaenicola*.

Piperaceae

*Piper medium* M. *tortuosa*

*Piper adunetum* M. *glabroides*, *M. piperis*, and

M. *gaillardiana*

*Piper peltatum* M. *tortuosa*

*Piper umbellatum* M. *tortuosa*

*Piper hispidum* M. *contorta*

*Piper blattarum* M. *paeipes*

The species previously known upon *Piper* are: *M. stenospora*, *M. asterinoides*, *M. patouillardii*, *M. pululahuensis*, *M. furcata*, *M. tortuosa*, *M. piperis*, and *M. glabra*.

Myricaceae

*Myrica cerifera* M. *manca*

Urticaceae

*Pilea parietaria* M. *earlii* and M. *triloba*

*Pilea nummularifolia* M. *earlii*

*Pilea* sp. M. *earlii*

M. *thomasiana* has also been reported upon the Urticaceae.

Polygonaceae

*Coccolobis pyrifolia* M. *praetervisa*

*Coccolobis sentenisi* M. *praetervisa*

*Coccolobis laurifolia* M. *rectangularis*

*Coccolobis* sps. M. *praetervisa*

Magnoliaceae

*Magnolia portoricensis* M. *magnoliae*

M. *amphitricha* and M. *piptochaeta* have previously been reported upon this family.

Anonaceae

*Anona montana* M. *longipoda*

M. *uvvariae* has been reported upon this family.

Lauraceae

*Persea gratissima* M. *perseae*

*Ocotea leucoxylon*

M. *ocoteac* and

M. *ocoteicola*

*Neetandra patens*

M. *glabroides*

The following species have heretofore been reported upon the Lauraceae: *M. calva*, *M. ziz-zag*, *M. praetervisa*, *M. martiniana*, *M. penicillata*, *M. anomala*, *M. manea*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. acutiseta*.

Rosaceae

*Rubus* sp.

M. *puiggarii*

Leguminosae

*Inga laurina*

M. *toruloidea*

*Mimosa ceratonia*

M. *bicornis*

*Lonehocarpus glaucifolius*

M. *bicornis*

*Cassia quinquadragulata*

M. *tornloidea*

*Clitoria rubiginosa* (?)

M. sp. ind.

*Meibomia axillaris*

M. *bicornis*

*Meibomia adscendens*

M. *bicornis*

*Meibomia supina*

M. *bicornis*

*Dalbergia monetaria*

M. *bicornis*

*Dalbergia* sps.

M. *bicornis*

*Andira jamaicensis*

M. *andirae*

*Bradburya virginiana*

M. *bicornis*

*Erythrina micropteryx*

M. *bicornis*

*Teramnus uneinatus*

M. *bicornis*

*Rudolphia volubilis*

M. *rudolphiae*

*Calopogonium orthocarpum*

M. *bicornis* var. *calopogonii*

*Galactia dubia*

M. *bicornis* var. *galactiae*

*Dolicholus reticulatus*

M. *bicornis*

*Chamaecrista granulata*

M. *chamaecristicola*

*Chamaecrista* "glandulosa"

M. *chamaecristae*

The following species of *Meliola* have been reported upon the Leguminosae: *M. desmodii*, *M. ludibunda*, *M. malacotricha*, *M. bicornis*, *M. juruana*, *M. chamaecristae*, *M. denticulata*, *M. harioti*, *M. pellucida*, *M. zollingeri*, *M. andirae*, *M. gleditschiae*, *M. musae*, *M. pazschkeana*, *M. pseudoanastomosans*, *M. subtorulosa*, *M. tamarindi*.

Rutaceae

*Pilocarpus racemosus*

M. *pilocarpi*

*Amyris clemifera*

M. *monensis*

In addition to the species mentioned above, the following have been reported upon the Rutaceae: *M. obesa*, *M. evodiae*, *M. obesula*, *M. tenella*, *M. microtheca*, *M. butleri*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. patens*, *M. ludibunda*.

Simarubaceae		
<i>Simaruba tulae</i>		<i>M. glabroides</i>
Meliaceae		
<i>Guarea trichilioides</i>		<i>M. guareae</i> and <i>M. guareicola</i>
Other species described upon the Meliaceae are: <i>M. macalpini</i> , <i>M. sandarieci</i> , <i>M. opposita</i> , <i>M. parvula</i> .		
Malpighiaceae		
<i>Banisteria laurifolia</i>		<i>M. rectangularis</i>
<i>Byrsonima lucida</i>		<i>M. byrsonimiae</i>
Two other species have been reported upon the Malpighiaceae, namely, <i>M. stuhlmanniana</i> and <i>M. crenata</i> .		
Euphorbiaceae		
<i>Drypetes</i> spp.		<i>M. glabra</i>
<i>Acalypha bisetosa</i>		<i>M. arecibensis</i>
<i>Jatropha hernandifolia</i>		<i>M. jatropheae</i>
<i>Gymnanthes lucida</i>		<i>M. gymnanthicola</i>
Other forms reported upon the Euphorbiaceae are: <i>M. malacotricha</i> , <i>M. patella</i> , <i>M. verrucosa</i> , <i>M. acalyphae</i> , <i>M. manihotieola</i> , <i>M. cornucaprae</i> .		
Anacardiaceae		
<i>Mangifera indica</i>		<i>M. mangiferae</i>
<i>Spondias mombin</i>		<i>M. comocladiae</i>
<i>Comocladia glabra</i>		<i>M. comocladiae</i>
The following species have been reported upon the Anacardiaceae: <i>M. rhois</i> , <i>M. guereinopsis</i> , <i>M. malacotricha</i> , <i>M. lanigera</i> , <i>M. irradians</i> , <i>M. mangiferae</i> , <i>M. polytricha</i> , <i>M. anacardii</i> , <i>M. geniculata</i> , <i>M. coronata</i> , <i>M. draeontomeli</i> .		
Aquifoliaceae		
<i>Ilex nitida</i>		<i>M. maricaensis</i>
Other species reported upon the Aquefoliaceae are: <i>M. ilicis</i> , <i>M. lagersheimii</i> , <i>M. cornuta</i> , <i>M. yerbae</i> .		
Celastraceae		
<i>Crossopetalum pallens</i>		<i>M. compacta</i>
Species previously reported upon the Celastraceae are: <i>M. falcatiseta</i> and <i>M. gymnosporiae</i> .		
Staphylaceae		
<i>Turpinia panniculata</i>		<i>M. guignardi</i>
Sapindaceae		
<i>Serjania polyphylla</i>		<i>M. serjaniae</i>
<i>Paullinia pinnata</i>		<i>M. hessii</i> and <i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Thouinia striata</i>		<i>M. thouiniae</i>

<i>Allophylus crassinervis</i>	<i>M. thouinia</i>
<i>Cupania americana</i>	<i>M. cupaniae</i> and <i>M. praetervisa</i>
<i>Cupania</i> sps.	<i>M. cupaniae</i>
<i>Hypelate trifoliate</i>	<i>M. glabra</i>

Following is a list of the species previously reported upon the Sapindaceae: *M. wrightii*, *M. parenchymata*, *M. sapindacearum*, *M. crucifera*, *M. ambigua*, *M. thouinia*, *M. araneosa*, *M. bombphlandi*.

**Rhamnaceae**

<i>Krugiodendron ferreum</i>	<i>M. thouineae</i>
<i>Gouania lupuloides</i>	<i>M. tenuissima</i>

Previously reported upon the Rhamnaceae, *M. scutiae*.

**Vitaceae**

<i>Cissus sicyoides</i>	<i>M. merrillii</i>
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One other species is reported upon the Vitaceae, namely, *M. paraensis*.

**Tiliaceae**

<i>Triumfetta semitriloba</i>	<i>M. triumphetae</i>
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**Malvaceae**

<i>Sida urens</i>	<i>M. molleriana</i>
<i>Hibiscus tiliaceus</i>	<i>M. triumphetae</i>

Two species have been reported upon the Malvaceae, viz., *M. molleriana* and *M. sidae*.

**Ochnaceae**

<i>Sauvagesia erecta</i>	<i>M. glabroides</i>
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**Guttiferae**

<i>Calophyllum calaba</i>	<i>M. calophylli</i>
<i>Mammea americana</i>	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Clusia minor</i>	<i>M. clusiae</i>

**Winteranaceae**

<i>Winterana canella</i>	<i>M. thouinia</i>
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**Flacourtiaceae**

<i>Casearia ramiflora</i>	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Casearia sylvestris</i>	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Casearia arborea</i>	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Casearia aculeata</i>	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
<i>Casearia</i> sp.	<i>M. paulliniae</i>

**Cambretaceae**

<i>Laguncularia racemosa</i>	<i>M. lagunculariae</i> and <i>M. nigra</i>
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Only one species had heretofore been reported upon this family.

**Myrtaceae**

<i>Anomis caryophyllata</i>	<i>M. amomieola</i>
<i>Psidium guajava</i>	<i>M. psidii</i>

<i>Myrcia deflexa</i>	M. <i>helleri</i>
<i>Myrcia splendens</i>	M. <i>helleri</i>
<i>Eugenia stahlii</i>	M. <i>helleri</i>
<i>Eugenia monticola</i>	M. <i>helleri</i>

The following have been recorded upon the Myrtaceae: *M. psidii*, *M. helleri*, *M. puchella*, *M. arboreseens*, *M. laxa*, *M. densa*, *M. horrida*, *M. cladotricha*, *M. clavispora*, *M. valdivivensis*.

#### Melastomataceae

<i>Miconia laevigata</i>	M. <i>melastomacearum</i>
<i>Miconia racemosa</i>	M. <i>melastomacearum</i>
<i>Mieomia sentenisi</i>	M. <i>miconieicola</i>
<i>Miconia prasina</i>	M. <i>miconiae</i>
<i>Clidemia hirta</i>	M. <i>melastomacearum</i>
<i>Clidemia strigillosa</i>	M. <i>melastomacearum</i>

Species other than the above which have been reported upon the Melastomataceae are: *M. heudeloti*, *M. weigettii*, *M. memeyli*, *M. affinis*.

#### Araliaceae

<i>Dendropanax arboreum</i>	M. <i>didymopanicis</i>
<i>Dendropanax laurifolium</i>	M. <i>didymopanicis</i>

Other species on the Araliaceae are: *M. araliae*, *M. dichotoma*, *M. kusanoi*, *M. heterosetae*, *M. pectinata*, *M. leplidae*.

#### Myrsinaceae

<i>Ardisia guadalupensis</i>	M. <i>myrsiniaeearum</i>
<i>Parathesis serrulata</i>	M. <i>parathesicola</i>

The following species have been reported upon the Myrsinaceae: *M. cladotricha*, *M. quercinopsis*, *M. delicatula*, *M. armata*, *M. groteana*, *M. perigrina*, *M. maesae*.

#### Sapotaceae

<i>Lueuma multiflora</i>	M. <i>lueumae</i>
<i>Dipholis salicifolia</i>	M. <i>dipholidis</i>
<i>Chrysophyllum</i> sp.	M. <i>ocoteicola</i>

*M. brasiliensis* is the species previously reported on the Sapotaceae.

<i>Oleaceae</i>	M. <i>mayepeae</i>
<i>Mayepea domingensis</i>	M. <i>mayepeicola</i>

*M. jasminicola* has been reported on this family.

#### Apocynaceae

<i>Plumiera krugii</i>	M. <i>tabernaemontanae</i>
<i>Tabernaemontana oppositifolia</i>	M. <i>tabernaemontanae</i>
<i>Rauwolfia nitida</i>	M. <i>tabernaemontanae</i>
<i>Forsteronia corymbosa</i>	M. <i>tabernaemontanae</i> var. <i>forsteroniae</i>

Other species previously recorded upon the Apocynaceae are: *M. levipoda*, *M. simillima*, *M. intermedia*, *M. willoughbyae*, *M. clavitispora*, *M. compositarum*, *M. membranacea*, *M. laevigata*.

Convolvulaceae

<i>Ipomoea cathartica</i>	<i>M. clavulata</i> , <i>M. ipomoeae</i> , and <i>M. quadrispina</i>
<i>Ipomoea tiliacea</i>	<i>M. clavulata</i> and <i>M. ipomoeae</i>
<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	<i>M. clavulata</i>
<i>Ipomoea</i> sps.	<i>M. clavulata</i> and <i>M. ipomoeae</i>

Other species recorded for this family are: *M. decidua*, *M. ambigua*, *M. melacotricha*, *M. ipomoeaephile*, *M. merremiae*, *M. francevillana*, *M. caymanensis*, *M. hewittiae*.

Borraginaceae

<i>Cordia nitida</i>	<i>M. longipoda</i>
<i>Cordia</i> sps.	<i>M. longipoda</i>
<i>Tournefortia hirsutissima</i>	<i>M. longipoda</i>
<i>Varronia</i> sps.	<i>M. molleriana</i>

In addition to the above, *M. usteriana* has been reported upon the Borraginaceae.

Verbenaceae

<i>Stachytarpheta cayennensis</i>	<i>M. glabroides</i>
<i>Lantana odorata</i>	<i>M. ambigua</i>
<i>Lantana camara</i>	<i>M. ambigua</i>
<i>Lantana</i> sps.	<i>M. ambigua</i>
<i>Lantana</i> sps.	<i>M. cookeana</i> (?)
<i>Avicennia nitida</i>	<i>M. sepulta</i>

Other species recorded on the Verbenaceae are: *M. durantae*, *M. sakawensis*, *M. callicarpae*, *M. clerodendricola*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. lippiae*, *M. coronata*, *M. vitis*, *M. lantanae*.

Labiatae

<i>Hyptis lantanifolia</i>	<i>M. hyptidicola</i>
<i>Hyptis capitata</i>	<i>M. hyptidicola</i>
<i>Hyptis pectinata</i>	<i>M. hyptidicola</i>
<i>Hyptis</i> sp.	<i>M. hyptidicola</i>

Other species recorded on the Labiateae are: *M. anastomosans*, *M. inermis*, *M. pelliculosa*, *M. hyptidis*.

Solanaceae

<i>Solanum rugosum</i>	<i>M. glabroides</i>
<i>Solanum persicifolium</i>	<i>M. glabroides</i>
<i>Solanum jamaicense</i>	<i>M. solani</i>
<i>Capsicum baccatum</i>	<i>M. capsicola</i>
<i>Cestrum laurifolium</i>	<i>M. gesneriae</i>
<i>Cestrum macrophyllum</i>	<i>M. gesneriae</i>

Other species on the Solanaceae are: *M. winteri*, *M. plebeja*, *M. glabra*, *M. solanicola* Gaill., *M. acervata*, *M. solanicola* P. Henn.

**Bignoniaceae**

<i>Macrodiscus lactiflorus</i>	<i>M. furcata</i>
<i>Tecoma pentaphylla</i>	<i>M. tecomae</i> and <i>M. bidentata</i>
<i>Tecoma</i> sps.	<i>M. tecomae</i>
<i>Tabebuia haemantha</i>	<i>M. bidentata</i>
<i>Schlegelia</i> sps.	<i>M. glabroides</i> var. <i>schlegeliae</i>

Species previously recorded upon the Bignoniaceae are: *M. arachnoidea*, *M. bidentata*, *M. furcata*, *M. harioti*, *M. lanceolato-setosa*.

**Gesneriaceae**

<i>Gesneria albiflora</i>	<i>M. gesneriae</i>
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**Acanthaceae**

<i>Hygrophila brasiliensis</i>	<i>M. irregularis</i>
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**Rubiaceae**

<i>Gonzalagunia spicata</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Randia aculeata</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Erithalis fruticosa</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Chiococca alba</i>	<i>M. chiococcae</i> and <i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Guettarda ovalifolia</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Palicourea crocea</i>	<i>M. mayaguesiana</i>
<i>Palicourea riparia</i>	<i>M. mayaguesiana</i>
<i>Palicourea domingensis</i>	<i>M. mayaguesiana</i> and <i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Palicourea</i> sps.	<i>M. mayaguesiana</i> and <i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Borreria laevis</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Borreria ocimoides</i>	<i>M. psychotriae</i>
<i>Coccocypselum repens</i>	<i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Psychotria pubescens</i>	<i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Psychotria grandis</i>	<i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Psychotria bertiana</i>	<i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Psychotria</i> sp.	<i>M. glabra</i> var. <i>psychotriae</i>
<i>Rubiaceae</i> indet.	<i>M. psychotriae</i>

Other species on the Rubiaceae are: *M. intermedia*, *M. sandicensis*, *M. longiseta*, *M. falcata*, *M. manea*, *M. rubicola*, *M. cryptocarpa*, *M. glabra*, *M. palawanensis*, *M. pencilliformis*, *M. asterinoides*, *M. mitchelliae*.

**Cucurbitaceae**

<i>Cayaponia</i> (?)	<i>M. cucurbitacearum</i>
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Three species, none of them with forked setae, have been noted upon the Cucurbitaceae, namely: *M. triloba*, *M. malacotricha*, *M. aciculosa*.

## Compositae

<i>Pseudelephantopus spicatus</i>	<i>M. cyclopoda</i>
<i>Eupatorium odoratum</i>	<i>M. compositarum</i>
<i>Eupatorium portoricense</i>	<i>M. compositarum</i> var. <i>portoricensis</i>

Species previously reported upon the Compositae are: *M. sororecula*, *M. spegazziniana*, *M. mikaniae*, *M. compositarum*, *M. inermia*, *M. amphitricha*, *M. tortuosa*.

Host unknown	<i>M. bidentata</i>
Host unknown	<i>M. amphitricha</i>
Host unknown	<i>M. tuberculata</i>
Host unknown	<i>M. paulliniae</i>
Host unknown	<i>M. aibonitensis</i>
Host unknown	<i>M. sp. ind.</i>

#### EXPLANATION OF PLATES

All plates are from photo-micrographs made by Mr. A. G. Eldredge. They were reduced 28% in reproduction. The abbreviations l.p. and h.p. indicate low power and high power with a magnification of approximately 75 and 355 diameters respectively. Scales showing the magnification are given in plate V; the smallest divisions are  $10\mu$  wide.

## EXPLANATION OF PLATE I

Fig. 1. *M. puigiarii*: portion of perithecium and larvaeform appendages. h.p. No. 8270.

Fig. 2. *M. manca*: mycelium, capitate hyphopodia, a germinating spore. h.p. No. 1292 N. A. F.

Fig. 3. *M. guignardi*: general type of colony, mycelium and capitate hyphopodia. No. 8922. l.p.

Fig. 4. *M. glabra*: showing type of mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. Rabenhorst, Fung. Europ. No. 3849.

Fig. 5. *M. septula*: type of colony and mycelium. l.p. Heller's collection. No. 6416.

Fig. 6. *M. irregularis*: spores showing irregularity in size of cells. h.p. No. 9283 (type).

Fig. 7. *M. solani*: mycelium showing opposite hyphopodia. h.p. No. 5750 (type).

Fig. 8. *M. hyptidicola*: a showing perithecia, crooked mycelium, and oval hyphopodia. l.p.  
b mycelium and hyphopodia in greater detail. h.p. No. 8526.

Fig. 9. *M. cyclopoda*: general view showing colony, rough perithecia, and character of mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. No. 7733 (type).

Fig. 10. *M. perseae*: irregular, crooked mycelium, mucronate hyphopodia and angular capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 8212 (type).

Fig. 11. *M. longipoda*: mycelium, capitate and mucronate hyphopodia, ascospores and a young perithecium. h.p. No. 9329.





## PLATE II

## EXPLANATION OF PLATE II

Fig. 12. *M. melastomacearum*: perithecia, mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. No. 8956.

Fig. 13. *M. glabroides*: germinating spore with hyphopodia. h.p. No. 3371 (type).

Fig. 14. *M. triloba*: spore and young mycelium with typically lobed capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 1038.

Fig. 15. *M. compositarum*: colony showing perithecium with larvaeform appendage, mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. Heller, No. 6185 (co-type).

Fig. 16. *M. compositarum* var. *portoricensis*: showing mycelium and capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 7723.

Fig. 17. *M. calophylli*: irregular mycelium and head cells. h.p. No. 7059 (type).

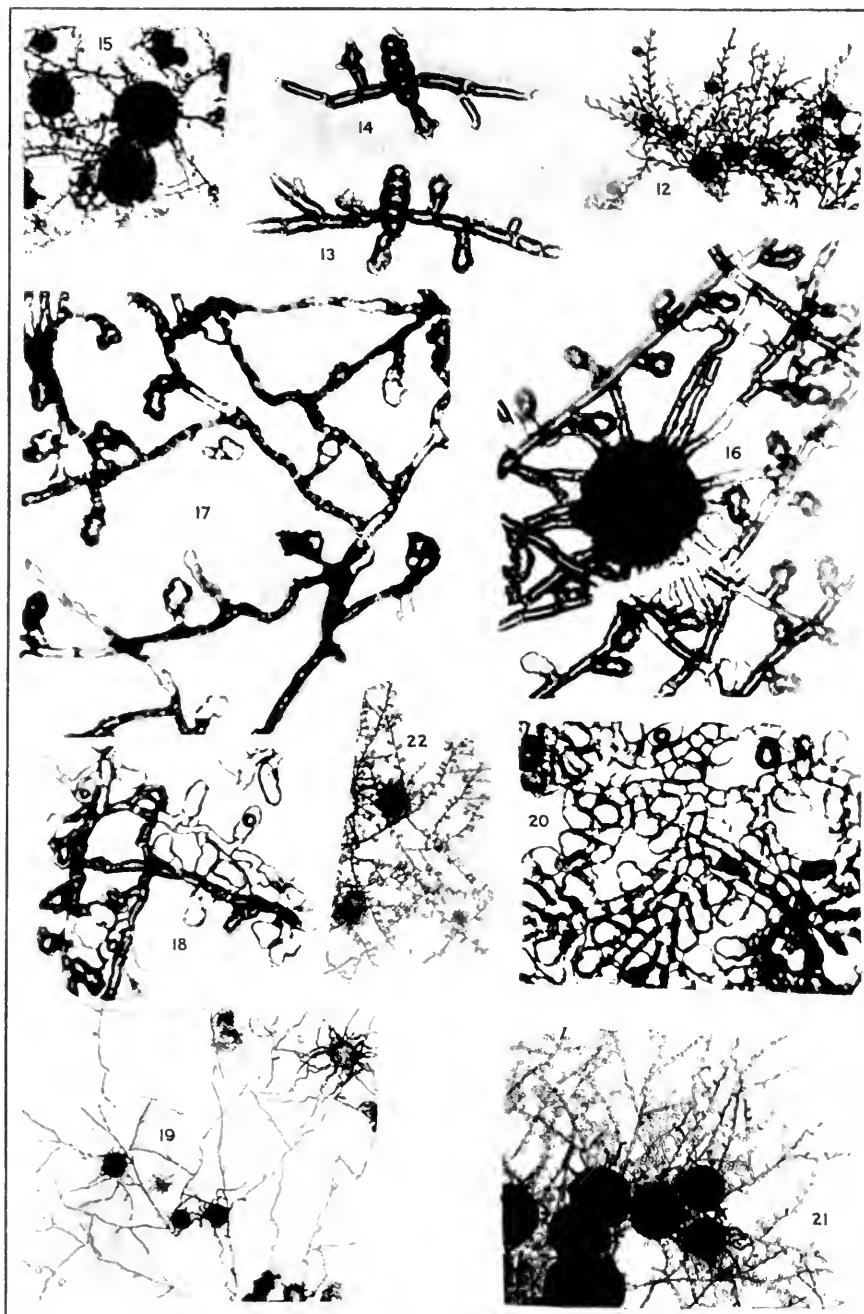
Fig. 18. *M. arecicensis*: mycelium and crowded hyphopodia. h.p. No. 365a (type).

Fig. 19. *M. miconieicola*: loose, scant mycelium with distant hyphopodia. l.p. No. 8639 (type).

Fig. 20. *M. parathesicola*: capitate hyphopodia very crowded. h.p. No. 7286.

Fig. 21. *M. toruloidea*: perithecia, young and old, mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. No. 8394 (type). A few setae are visible on the perithecia.

Fig. 22. *M. comocladiae*: colony showing character of mycelium and hyphopodia. l.p. No. 9015 (type).





## PLATE III

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Fig. 23. *M. tortuosa*: peritheciun and appendages, with tortuose tips. l.p. No. 4714.

Fig. 24. *M. chamaecristicola*: showing thin setae on perithecia. l.p. No. 6113 (type).

Fig. 25. *M. rectangularis*: showing right-angle type of branching. h.p. No. 7292 (type).

Fig. 26. *M. chiococcae*: mycelium, angular hyphopodia, young peritheciun with radiating mycelium. h.p. No. 7743 (type).

Fig. 27. *M. pteridicola*: showing parallel coursing of mycelium. l.p. No. 7814 (type).

Fig. 28. *M. cupaniae*: showing perithecial setae. l.p. No. 9143 (type).

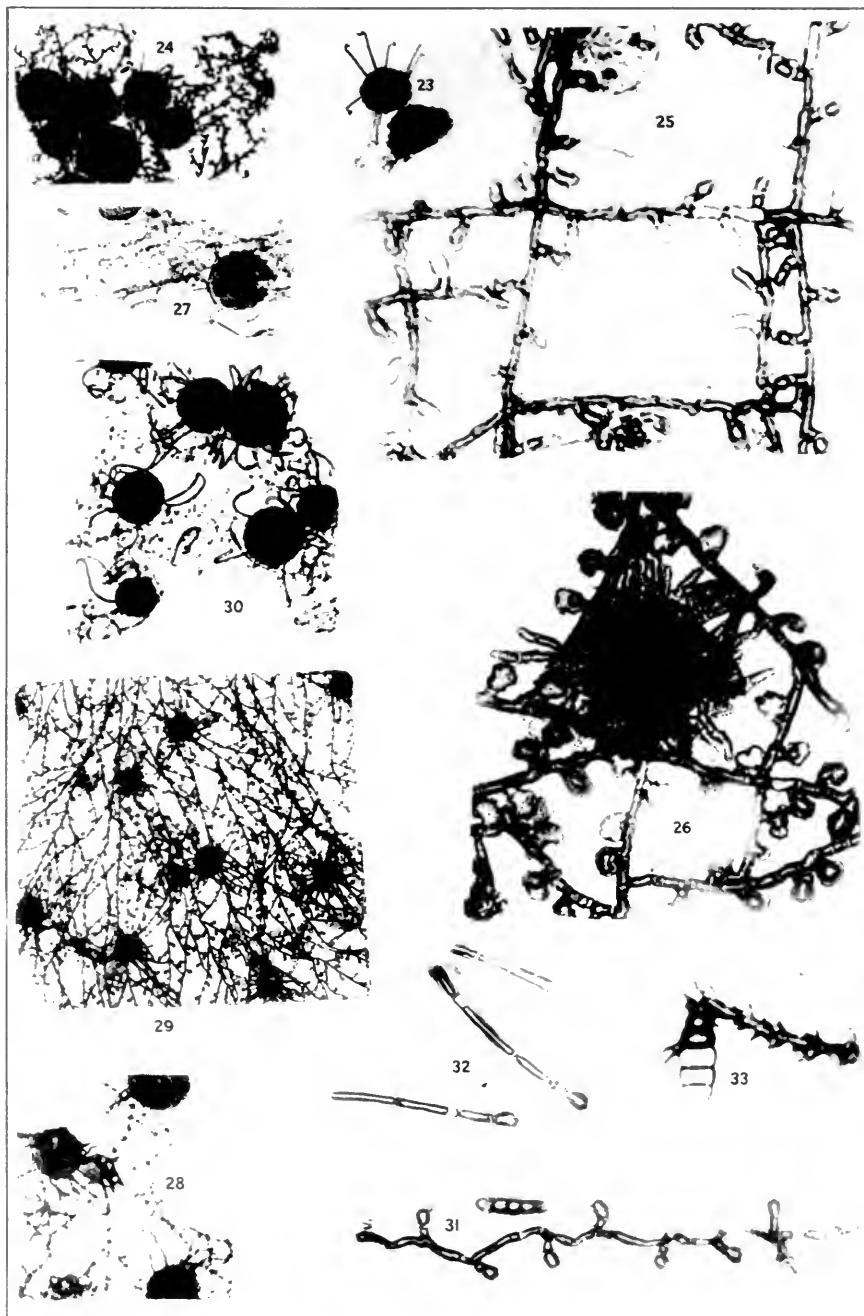
Fig. 29. *M. miconiae*: general habit of mycelium. l.p. No. 9366.

Fig. 30. *M. contorta*: perithecia and crooked perithecial setae. l.p. No. 8225 (type).

Fig. 31. *M. mayaguesiana*: ascospore, mycelium and capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 7157 (type).

Fig. 32. *M. clavulata*: swollen setal tips. h.p. No. 7837.

Fig. 33. *M. praetervisa*: spore and mycelium showing characteristic conic capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 5653a.





## PLATE IV

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Fig. 34. *M. andirae*: a spore, mycelium showing characteristic opposite capitate hyphopodia. h.p. Earle (co-type). No. 6448.

Fig. 35. *M. monensis*: showing typical hyphopodia. h.p. No. 6158 (type).

Fig. 36. *M. thouiniae*: capitate and mucronate hyphopodia. h.p. Heller, No. 6435 (type).

Fig. 37. *M. anomicola*: typical opposite hyphopodia. h.p. No. 7054 (type).

Fig. 38. *M. stenotaphri*: crooked mycelium, long setae. l.p. No. 8023.

Fig. 39. *M. capsicola*: showing irregular hyphopodia. l.p. No. 8019 (type).

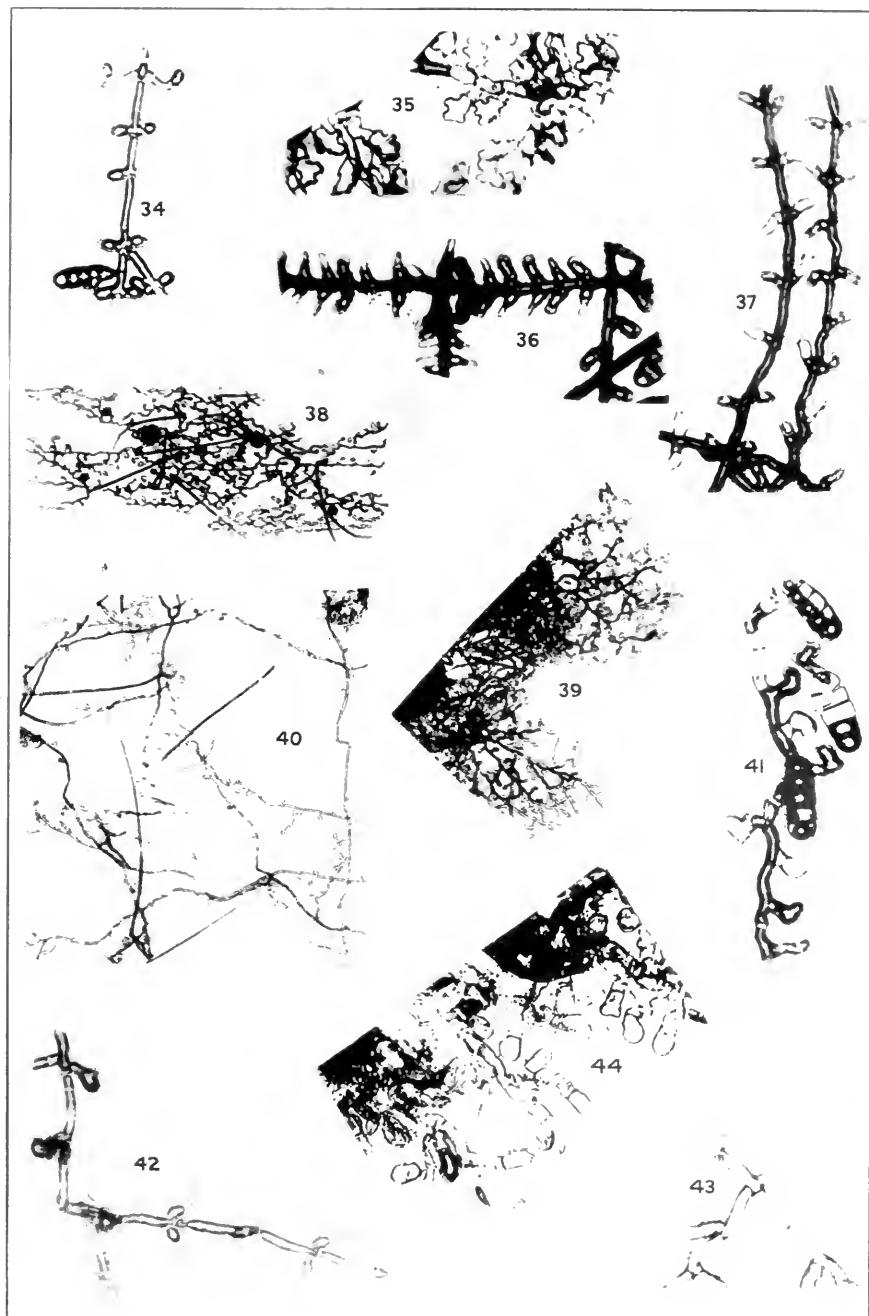
Fig. 40. *M. paucipes*: distant hyphopodia and long, black setae. l.p. No. 7463 (type).

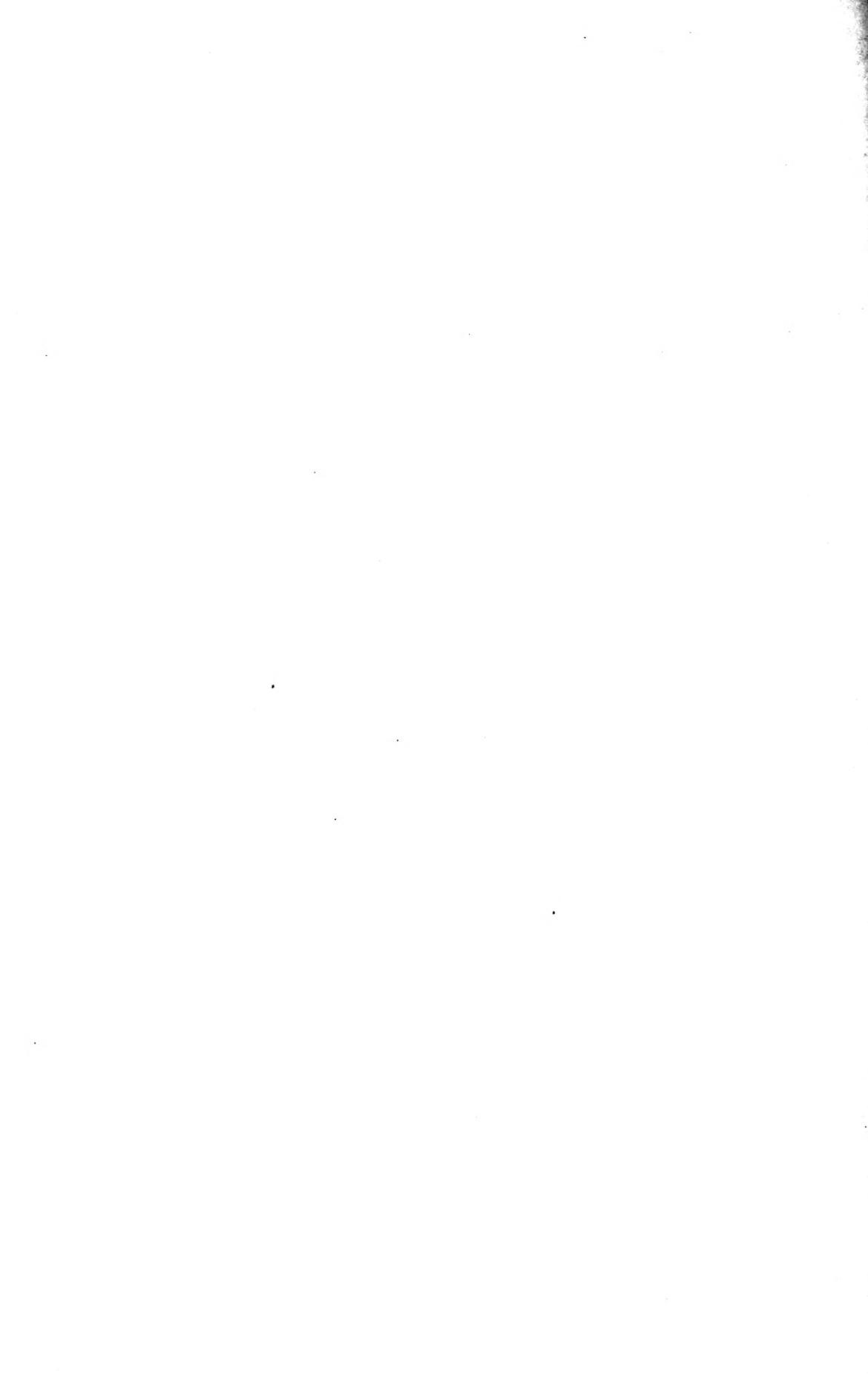
Fig. 41. *M. rudolphiae*: mycelium, capitate hyphopodia and a spore. h.p. No. 8698.

Fig. 42. *M. serjaniae*: alternate capitate and opposite mucronate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 425 (type).

Fig. 43. *M. ocoteicola*: characteristic capitate hyphopodia. h.p. No. 7560 (type).

Fig. 44. *M. polytricha* K. & C.: edge of colony showing habit. "No. 1262 on *Cunonia capensis*, Grahamstown, Cape, ex Kalchbrenner." h.p. (type).





## PLATE V

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Fig. 45. *M. earlii*: colony showing mycelial character. l.p. No. 7685 (type).

Fig. 46. *M. mayepeae*: general character of colony. l.p. No. 7468 (type).

Fig. 47. *M. lucumae*: mycelium and capitate hyphopodia, young peritheciun. l.p. No. 8164 (type).

Fig. 48. *M. tecomae*: showing curved tips of setae. h.p. No. 9332 (type).

Fig. 49. *M. ipomoeae*: colony, mycelium, opposite hyphopodia, long setae, perithecia. l.p. No. 6563.

Fig. 50. *M. magnoliae*: setal tip showing forking. h.p. No. 4738 (type).

Fig. 51. *M. cucurbitacearum*: showing forking of setal tips. h.p. No. 8732 (type).

Fig. 52. *M. hessii*: a setum showing character of forking, a bit of mycelium. l.p. No. 9367 (type).

Fig. 53. *M. quadrispina*: general type of colony. l.p. No. 8163.

Fig. 54. *M. philodendri*: primary branching of setal tip. h.p. No. 4346.

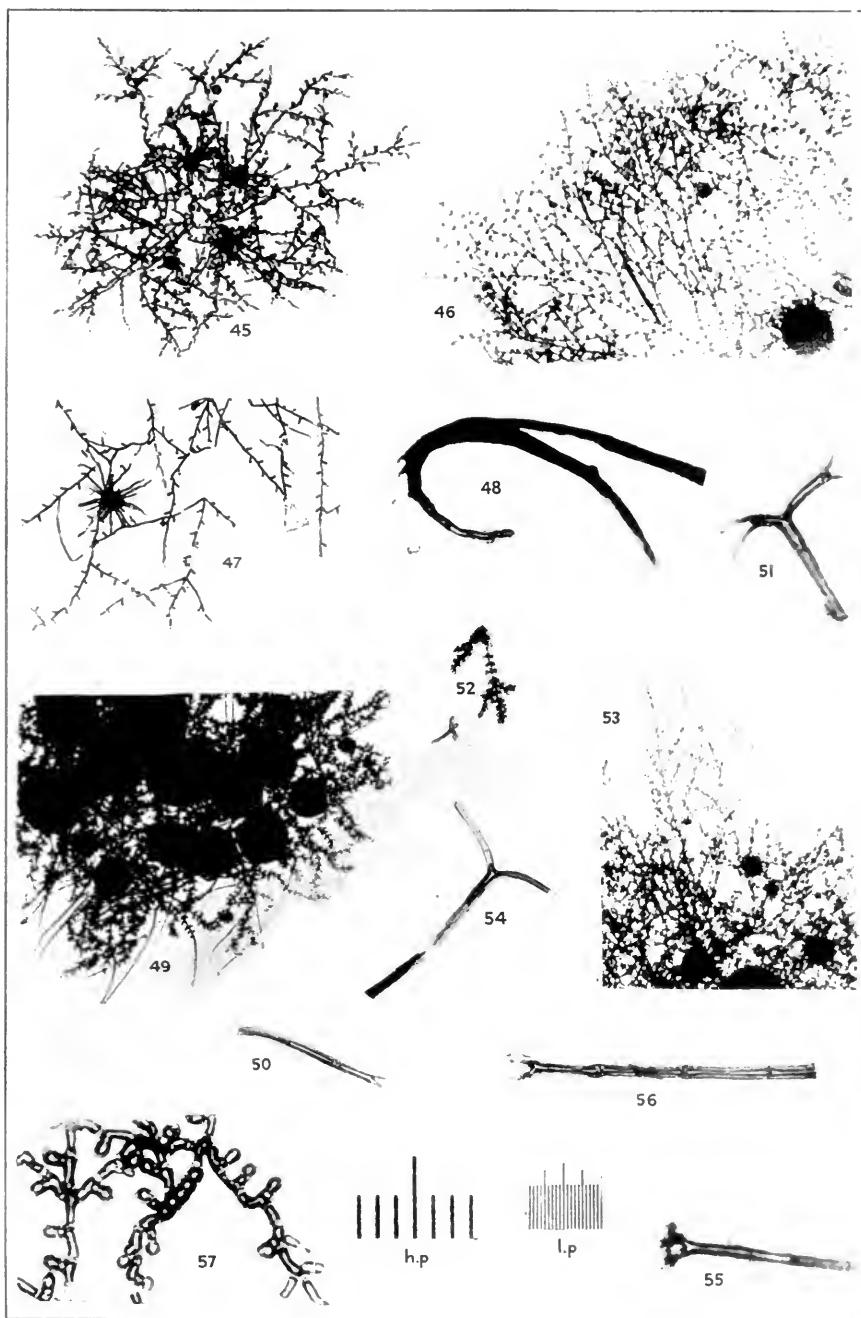
Fig. 55. *M. gaillardiiana*: crested setum. h.p. No. 7794 (type).

Fig. 56. *M. dieffenbachiae*: setal tip. h.p. No. 8148 (type).

Fig. 57. *M. bicornis*, "authentic specimen" from Kew gardens determined by Winter: spore, mycelium and capitate and mucronate hyphopodia. h.p.

Fig. h.p. millimeter scale ruled to 1/10 mm. high power.

Fig. l.p. ditto with low power magnification.





## ALPHABETICAL LIST OF SPECIES

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